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RSAW, Poland (AP) ashes of Gen. Tadeus Komorowski, the comder of the heroic 1944 saw uprising against the s, were returned to his eland to be buried ng his fallen soldiers. Bor-Komorowski, who ied the underground e army resistance move-50 years ago, lived in until 1966, when he died ondon and was buried in nersbury Cemetery. On rday, his ashes will be to final rest with state urs at Warsaw's Powazemetery. The ceremony part of commemorations e dramatic insurgency cost more than 200,000 h lives and was ruthlesly ed by German troops. commander's call to on Aug. 1, 1944 was an to liberate Warsaw folg five years of German pation at a moment Soviet troops were ng the capital. Howere revolt was doomed to

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Peres wraps up Cyprus visit

NiCOSIA (R) — Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres wrapped up a three-day official visit to Cyprus on Saturday spending the whole day in the resort town of Paphos, Cypriot officials said. Mr. Peres, who signed cultural and agricultural agreements and discussed bilateral relations with his counterpart Alecos Michaelides during the trip, was due to depart for Tel Aviv from Paphos Airport late Saturday. Tight security surrounded the Israeli foreign minister following bomb attacks against Jewish and Israeli targets in London and Argentina but he managed a couple of walk-abouts in Nicosia and in Paphos, where he viewed ancient mosaics. Both Mr. Peres and his Cypriot hosts played down suggestions that he would hold secret talks with Syrian officials while on the holiday island, which he described as a potential economic and political Switzerland of the Middle East. Cyprus, divided since a 1974 Turkish invasion, has offered to host Middle East peace talks.



PLO panel to collect businessmen's taxes

GAZA (R) — The Palestinian National Authority (PNA) took steps on Saturday to speed up the collection of taxes by enlisting the help of Palestinian businesses and Israeli tax authorities, a Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO) official said. Mr. Tayeb Abdul Rahim said the authority at its weekly meeting in Gaza named a committee headed by Jamil Tarifi, in charge of civil official coordination, with the Israelic to obtain Palestician affairs coordination with the Israelis, to obtain Palestinian businessmen's tax files from Israel. "The Palestinian authority will also ask every businessman to submit a report on Israeli products he imported since May 17 to enable the authority to ask the Israeli government for VAT taxes paid by them," he said. Israel imposed government for VAT taxes paid by them, he said, israel imposed high taxes on businessmen in the West Bank and Gaza. The economic accord signed between the two sides in Paris in April allows the Palestinian authority to levy taxes from businessmen. "The amount of taxes will be determined by the finance ministry and businessmen at a later date," Mr. Abdul Rahim said. He said the authority also set up a committee headed by Ahmed Qouriea, who holds the economics portfolio, to follow up on implementation of their May accord for self-rule in the Gaza Strip and Jericho.

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5 hurt in Ramallah clashes

RAMALLAH, occupied West Bank (AFP) — Israeli troops fired rubber and bullets tear-gas during clashes with Palestinians in the occu-pied West Bank town of Ramallah Saturday, wound-ing five of them, Palestinian sources said. The troops later declared the town centre a closed military area. Ramailah, north of Jerusalem, is west of the Palestinian selfrule enclave in Jericho set up in May under the peace deal between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation

Woman nominated to Oman's council

MUSCAT (R) — A woman has for the first time been nominated to sit on Oman's Consultative Council, which was set up in 1991 to widen representation in government by debating proposed laws. Officials said on Saturday that the woman, whose nomination still had to be approved by the government, was among names being put forward at selection meetings in the sultanate's 50 provinces. The nomination process for the 80-seat consultative council, which resumes meetings in January, began a week ago and will continue until Aug. 15. In the Bushehr area four women attended a meeting to select candidates and one of them was nominated, officials said. The government is due to consider all the nominations

Mandela meets with union federation

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — President Nelson Mandela met with powerful labour leaders Saturday, calling on workers to support his reconstruction and development programme. Mr. Mandela as criticised members of the Congress of South African Trade Union, saying strikes that have swept the country since he was elected in April will frighten away foreign investors. "Industrial peace in our country is extremely important," Mr. Mandela told reporters Saturday. He needs investment for an ambitious project to put South Africans to work building much needed houses, schools and roads. The federation, known as COSATU, has snapped back, demanding that the country's first blackled government stand with the black workers who helped it gain power. But both sides strove for a conciliatory note Saturday.

Bomb damages French tax office

HENDAYE, France (AP) -A homemade bomb blamed on Basque militants heavily damaged a tax office before dawn Saturday, a day after a car-bomb linked to militants killed three people in Madrid. No injuries were reported from the bomb that went off at about 1 a.m., but the blast was heard throughout this port on the Spanish border. The explosive, planted on a window of the office, was made from a fire extinguisher filled with 50dium chlorate and wired to a timer, authorities said.

Zia opens S. Asian ministers'

meeting DHAKA (AFP) - Bangladeshi Prime Minister Khaleda Zia Saturday opened a two-day meeting of South Asian foreign ministers, calling for a collective effort among member states to help the region's 1.5 billion Poor. The South Asian Association for Regional Coopcration (SAARC), founded in 1985 at a summit meeting of regional leaders in Dhaka, groups Bangladesh, Bhutan. lia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Maldives and Sri Lanka. The creativity of the regional leadership needs to address the socio-economic ferment within our societies and lingering psycho-political recountries," said Ms. Zia.

Jordan reiterates its non-political stand on shrines in Jerusalem

PLO to send delegation to Amman

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali on Saturday expressed dismay over the controversy sparked by Israel's acknowledgement of Jordan's religious role in the Islamic holy shrines in Jerusalem and said the Kingdom was only exercising its historical rights in the Holy

City.
Dr. Majali was speaking to Jordan Television upon his return home from Washington after attending the June 25 summit between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin at the White

The King and Mr. Rabin signed a document, the Washington Declaration, ending the state of war between Jordan and Israel and setting out measures towards reaching a peace treaty. In the third clause of the declaration, Israel said it would give "high priority" to Jordan's historical role in Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem.

This was interpreted by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) as undermining its quest for political sovereignty over Jerusalem, and despite Jordanian reaffirmations that the Kingdom's role in the Holy City had no political bearings, the organisation is pressing campaign to assert what it on Friday issued a statement sees as its right.

By P.V. Vivekanand

with agency dispatches

AMMAN - The U.S. Con-

gress has approved the first

installment of debt relief for

Jordan by incorporating a provision to the 1994 budget

that would allow the Clinton

administration to write off up

to \$220 million in debts to

Jordan is expected to be

around \$194 million, sources

said. Further details were not

President Bill Clinton has

asked for nearly \$700 million

in debt relief for Jordan to

help alleviate the Kingdom's

foreign debt burden and

maintain stability following

the breakthrough in

Jordanian-Israeli peace negotiations. The relief is ex-

pected to be spread over two

Jordan owes the U.S. \$951

million, but the actual

amount eligible for write-off

under American parameters

is around the figure that President Clinton asked for.

for Jordan came in the form

of an additional \$99 million

for debt relief in the 1994

budget. Under American

procedures, this meant au-

thorising the administration

The authorisation for relief

to three years.

immediately available.

The actual write-off for

Washington.

Dr. Majali told Jordan Television: "Jordan has exercised its right to the religious custody over the holy places in Jerusalem even before 1948," when the state of Israel was created.

Jordan maintained this role even after the 1967 war when Israel occupied the West Bank along with Arab East Jerusalem, and the Kingdom was seeking to "keep the link between the holy places and their Islamic and Arab identity," the prime minister said.
"The Washington Declara-

tion did not establish a new fact, but only reaffirmed Jordan's full rights to the custody of the Islamic shrines in the Holy City," Dr. Majali

"There is no conflict between the Palestinians' political rights in Jerusalem and Jordan will continue to support their quest to regain their rull rights" from Israel, the prime minister said. In response to a question

about the possibility of a referendum on peace referred to by King Hussein in a meeting with journalists on Thursday, Dr. Majali said that such a move and its positive outcome "will be the answer to all those who doubted the outcome of the peace pro-

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U.S. Congress clears way

for Jordan debt write-off

to offer a write-off of debts

up to \$220 million, said the

sources, who are familiar

with workings of the Amer-

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to \$220 million of debts dur-

ing fiscal 1994," said one of

the sources, adding that the

actual write-off for Jordan is

expected to be around \$194

The U.S. congressmen also

stressed that further debt re-

lief for the Kingdom would

depend on progress towards a

peace agreement between

Jordan and Israel, reports

from Washington said. Finance Minister Sami

Gammoh said Friday that "unofficial" information

available to him indicated

around the same amount of

debt relief this year and that

debt relief for fiscal 1995 was

expected to be \$252 million.

to Jordan, both economic

and military aid, during fiscal

1994 is \$24.5 million. An

increase in the amount and

regular contributions to the

Kingdom's budget is being studied by the administra-

tion officials said Friday. No

The approval for debt re-

lief for Jordan came late Fri-

day at a joint session of the

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Direct American assistance

"They appropriated \$99

ican legislature.

support for their political claim to the Holy City. "There is no contradiction

between maintaining Jordan's administration of the holy sites in East Jerusalem and the restoration of political sovereignty over the city through the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations," it said.

radio, Information Minister Jawad Al Anani meanwhile denied that there was any problem between Jordan and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in autonomous Gaza and Jericho over Jerusalem.

Dr. Anani emphasised that the Jordanian role in the Holy City was confined to maintaining and preserving the Islamic shrines there.

"Jordan does not have any political or territorial ambition in Jerusalem," Dr. Anani said, pointing out that the Washington Declaration did not refer to Jerusalem as a whole but only to Islamic holy places and that the issue of religious custody as well as the political and geographic issues related to the Holy City would be discussed in the "final status" negotiations as called for in the Israel-PLO declaration of principles signed on Sept. 13. In Gaza, a spokesman for

In an interview with the Cairo-based Sawt Al Arab

the PNA said the authority tion headed by Faisal Hus-

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of Representatives and Sen-

ate after a heated debate over

authorising President Bill

Clinton to waive anything in

the bill in national interest.

Debate on the \$13.7 billion

spending bill carthe close to

collapse when at 3 a.m. near-

ly 12 hours after the confer-

ence began, the House mem-

bers unexpectedly accepted a

Senate amendment that

would cut off aid to the

Palestinian authorities in the

West Bank and Gaza if the

Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO) fails to amend

its covenant calling for the

head of the Senate side, said

the language, which eliminates a clause saying the presi-

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Mr. Leahy agreed to con-

tinue the conference only af-

ter language was put in saying

that the president could waive anything in the bill in

the national interest. He said

he reconsidered his inclina-

tion to walk out because of

the urgency of getting aid to

The bill gives the West Bank and Gaza some \$80

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help the peace process.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, the

destruction of Israel.

King receives cables voicing appreciation

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein has received a number of cables from heads of state expressing appreciation for His Majesty's wise leadership and cherished the latest steps which aim at establishing bases for peace and security in the Middle East, the Jordan News Agency, Petra, said

The cables came from Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali, Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro and Bulgarian President Zhelya Zhelev,

Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor arrived in Britain on Fri-

day for talks on the Middle East peace process.

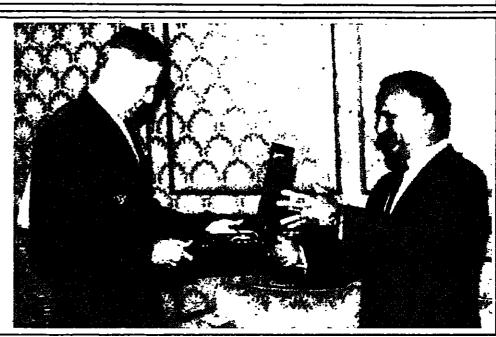
The King is expected to meet Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd to discuss an historic agreement he signed in Washington this reek with Israel.

The King was met by Foreign Office officials after his private jet touched down at Heathrow airport. Late Friday he is expected to fly home early

King Hussein, and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed an agreement in Washington on Monday that ended the 46-year-old state of war between their countries.

Jordan honours Hoar

HIS ROYAL Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, on Saturday presented General Joseph Hoar, commander of the U.S. Forces in the Eastern Mediterranean region, with the Jordanian Istihqaq Military Medal of the First Order. The decoration, which was made in the presence of Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mira'i and U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Wesley Egan, marked Gen. Hoar's end of his tour of duty in the region (Armed Forces photo)



Anani: Peace treaty possible Fahd and when all agenda issues solved Mubarak

of Information Jawad Al Anani said in remarks broadcast Saturday that Jordan aspires to a comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace even though it is ready to make ace with Israel whe issues on the common agenda are

"If.... the common agenda between Jordan and Israel is finished, yes, I think we'll be ready to sign a peace treaty," Dr. Anani told Israel army

Israel and Jordan began peace talks on both sides of their border two weeks ago to discuss an agenda for resolving disputes over their border

line and water resources. His Majesty King Hussein Yitzhak Rabin signed a dec- state of war with Israel. laration on Monday in Washington ending a 46year-old state of war between their countries.

They also agreed to hold meetings as often as required with the aim of conci peace treaty. An Israeli official con-

firmed an Israel Radio report that King Hussein had asked Mr. Rabin on Friday for another meeting soon. The King said on Thursday

he would send a future peace treaty with Israel to parliament for ratification and hold a referendum if needed. U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christopher said on Thursday that Jordan, which has been promised U.S. would not get advanced weapons until it signed a full peace treaty.

Dr. Anani said Jordan aspired to a comprehensive peace in the region. You can't have peace

without Syria or without the Palestinians or without Lebanon," he said. "We should remember that peace, real peace, is a comprehensive

Dr. Anani said he believed peace moves between Israel and Jordan would spur Syria to move forward in talks with the Jewish state.

Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said on Saturday he thought the Syrians were interested in continuing

Egyptian officials said the two leaders examined the progress made on the Jordanian-Israeli track of the peace talks and the problems in reviving Israel's talks with Syria and Lebanon.

JEDDAH (Agencies) —

Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak discussed the Mid-

dle East peace process with

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia

here Saturday during a brief

visit to the kingdom.

Mr. Mubarak was accompanied by Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa, Information Minister Safwat Al Sherif and Political Adviser Osama Al Baz.

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said Mr. Mubarak's visit was part of "ongoing consultations between the two heads of state in the interests of the Arab Nation." He later left Saudi Arabia.

The Egyptian leader is due to meet Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Taba Sunday to seek ways to give new impetus to the Israeli-Syrian talks.

Egyptian officials said Mr. Mubarak's brief Saudi trip was to discuss with King Fahd the Israeli-Jordanian agreement signed in Washington and its reference to granting Jordan religious jurisdiction over holy sites in Arab East

Diplomats said King Fahed

and Mr. Mubarak also were expected to consult about Israeli charges that Iran is masterminding terrorist operations worldwide to derail the Middle East peacemaking process, and mounting reports of a likely Israeli attack on Iran-backed Hizbollah bases in Lebanon.

had also charged Iran was fomenting a tide of radical Muslim fundamentalism in Saudi Arabia, along with

Mr. Mubarak in the past

its Gulf partners, has been seeking improved ties with Iran after the 1988 death of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. But the two sides are in dispute with the government of Hashemi Rafsanjani over three strategically located Gulf islands claimed by the United Arab Emirates, and over the Haj.

and Israeli Prime Minister military aid after ending its Iran 'ready' to cooperate against international terrorism

TEHRAN (Agencies) — Iran said Saturday it was ready to cooperate in the fight against terrorism, after the U.N. Security Council called for international efforts to prevent attacks such as the Buenos Aires and London bombings on Jewish

"Iran is ready to cooperate at the international level to combat and eliminate terrorism around the world." the Iranian mission at the United Nations said, quoted by Tehran Radio.

"As a member of the United Nations, Iran strongly. condemns all attacks on innocent persons of whatever nationality or religion."

On Friday, the Security Council condemned the carbombings in Buenos Aires and London, and called for closer international cooperation to "prevent, combat and

eliminate all forms of terror-

The attack in Buenos Aires on July 18 killed at least 100 people, while bombings in London on July 26 and 27 targetted the Israeli embassy and a Jewish charity, injuring But Israeli Foreign Minis-

ter Shimon Peres was sceptical of Iran's offer to help curb international terrorism. "I don't believe the declaration of the Iranians...

They think they can bluff, cheat and lie," Mr. Peres, on an official visit to Cyprus, told reporters in the resort town of Paphos. "They are just words. What is needed from Iran is

Iran has denied Israeli and U.S. charges that it instigated the bombings, while investigators have said there was so far no conclusive evidence to

concrete proposals."

Iran on Saturday branded the United States as an "in-ternational outlaw" and supporter of Israeli "state terror-

> Foreign Ministry spokes-man Mahmoud Mohammadi said Washington's "support for the Zionist regime's aggression and state terrorism has made the U.S. the source of state terrorism, an enemy of peace and an international outlaw."
> Mr. Mohammadi, quoted

identify those responsible.

by the official Iranian news agency IRNA, said Iran opposes and condemns every kind of terrorist move." He said Iran was "the main victim of terrorism," referring to the main armed Iranian opposition group, the Mujahedeen-e-Khalq, which has offices in several Western

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Lebanese on alert against possible Israeli attack ary flares, the sources said.

BEIRUT (Agencies) -Lebanon kept up its guard on Saturday against a feared Israeli onslaught after guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops in South Lebanon and bombings of Israeli and Jewishtargets in Buenos Aires and

London. Beirut newspapers said most officials feared a "severe" blow after Israeli threats of "painful revenge" for recent guerrilla raids and a U.S. statement that the pro-Iranian Hizbollah must be defeated after the bomb-

Syria, the main foreign l'power broker in Lebanon, accused Israel on Saturday of preparing to launch a military attack against Lebanon, "possibily within the next few hours," to force it to agree a peace deal.

Syrian government newspapers said Israel was planning to use the recent attacks on Jewish targets in Argentina and Britain as the excuse for hitting Lebanon although there was no proof of Lebanese involvement.

It was no longer a question of whether, but where and when Israel would strike, Lebanese commentators

Other officials were quoted

saying an Israeli onslaught was unlikely because it would disrupt the Middle East peace process and force U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to delay a planned visit to the region early in

But hundreds of residents have fled southern villages fearing a repeat of Israel's week-long blitz a year ago which killed 150 people in South Lebanon, mainly civilians, and destroyed thousands of homes.

The coming days or hours will show if these apprehensions are justified,"

in Beirut newspapers as the French-language Lebanese daily l'Orient-le Jour said.

Sources in the south said residents feared Israel might act after the end of the Jewish Sabbath on Saturday. They said only three or

four per cent of residents remained in villages like Kafra and Yater near Israel's border occupation zone, and 20-30 per cent of inhabitants of other villages left their homes at night.

Parts of the south — the last Arab-Israeli battleground in the Middle East were almost permanently lit up during the night by milit-

Lebanon's 40,000-strong army was on alert, under orders to fight back if Israel attacked, and Hizbollah's 2,000 Iranian-armed and trained fighters were lying low in the south after fortify-

ing their outposts with anti-

aircraft guns. The leader of Hizbollah said Saturday his men would kill every Jew who comes to Beirut even if peace is brokered between Lebanon and

"We will continue the resistance and we will assassinate any Jew who comes to Beirut. We will fight norma-

lisation by the gun, the word and every available mean." Sheikh Subhi Tufeili told the l'Orient-le Jour.

His comments were in response to a question about whether he opposed the Hiz-bollah leadership's pledge to stop guerrilla operations against Israelis if Israel pulls out its occupation troops from South Lebanon.

Sheikh Tufeili and his supporters were linked by press reports in Beirut and Buenos Aires to the July 18 bombing

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"Again and again we de-

discuss peace process

Sudan peace talks end without accord

NAIROBI (R) — Talks between Sudan and southern rebels on ending one of Africa's longest-running civil wars have been inconclusive, a Kenyan mediator said on Saturday.

Science and Technology minister Zachary Onyonka said the 10-day talks ended on Friday after Khartoum and rebels of the splintered Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) wrangled over self-determination and the sta-

tus of religion. The SPLA has fought since 1983 against what it sees as domination of the mainly black, Christian and animist southern Sudan by the Ara-bised Muslim government in the north.

"In order to make headway in the peace talks, the mediators pleaded with the negotiating parties, in particular the government side, to be flexible and show more commitment and seriousness," Mr. Onyonka said in a

"After 10 days of intensive negotiations, mediators felt there was need for further consultations," Mr. Onyanka

Mr. Onyonka said another round of negotiations has been called for Sept. 5. Diplomats said the two fac-

tios of the SPLA - one led by the movement's founder, John Garang, and another by Colonal Garang's former aide, Riak Machar — bad pushed for self-determination for the south and also wanted religious institutions separated from the state.

The two positions were un-acceptable to Khartoum's Islamic fundamentalist-backed government.

The rebels had demanded that Khartoum should at least government of Lieutenant- toum.

General Omar Hassan Al Bashir rejected this, saying Sudan was already a deral

On religion, Sudan's chief negotiator. Ali Al Hag, said the government saw no difficulties because southerners would be allowed freedom of worship despite a govern-ment bias towards Islam.

He added Khartoum had shown willingness not to app-ly strict Muslim laws to south-

erners.
"It's the same old argument, said right positions and so in the end nothing was achieved," one Western ambassador said.

Another diplomat described the talks, opened by Kenyan President Daniel Arap Moi on July 19, as a complete waste of time.

Mr. Onyonka said nego-tiators welcomed unilateral ceasefire declared by the Khartoum government but expressed deep concern that neither party had bothered to honour .it.

The 11-year conflict has killed some 500,000 people. displaced many more and sent tens of thousands into

The latest peace bid was held under the auspices of the Inter-Government Authority on Drought and Development

(IGADD) which groups Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan and Somalia.

Sudan is Africa's biggest country, sprawling up the River Nile from the borders of Egypt to the heart of

Rebel troops fighting the government have returned relief supplies they had looted from a barge heading for war-affected areas in agree to a referendum on southern Sudan, a govern-southern autonomy, but the ment official said in Khar-

MAJALI RETURNS: Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majal who returned home on Saturday after attending the July 25 summit between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (see page one), is received upon arrival by Deputy Prime Minister Thougan Hindawi (right) and Interior Minister Salameh Hammad (Petra

Palestinian journalists fear ban on Al Nahar forerunner of crackdown

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Restrictions imposed by the new Palestinian National Authority (PNA), that led to the closure of two Jerusalem-based publications are being described by some Palestinian journalists and human rights activists in the occupied territories as violation of the freedom of the

"There have been cases of Palestinian journalists being harassed or pursued on several occasions," by the PNA said Bassem Eid, a Palestinian journalist who is one of few Palestinians to publish articles in left-wing Israeli newspapers. A columnist for the daily Al Nahar that folded Saturday on orders of PNA President Yasser Arafat, Mr. Eid said that the Palestinian journalists community was "bracing itself" for a battle for press freedoms with the new authority.

"This is the beginning and the war for press freedoms is part of the process. The new government comes from environments which are oppressive and undemocratic. Thus they have brought with them their experience of the Arab governments in their dealings with the press," said Mr. Eid

BEIRUT (AFP) - The Ira-

mian-backed Hizbollah.

Israel's long-standing foe in

South Lebanon, has also be-

come the West's public

enemy number one following

devastating bomb attacks in

Buenos Aires and London

U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christopher made a

Christopher told a U.S.

House Committee on

"And Hizbollah's patron,

Iran, must be contained," he

Officials in Washington

and Tel Aviv say they are convinced that Hizboilah is

behind acts of violence aimed

at undermining the Middle

But nobody has produced

any tangible evidence against

Hizbollah, which denied involve-

ment in the July 18

bombing of a Jewish charity

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East peace process.

Thursday.

added.

for which it was blamed.

tor for B'etselem - an Israeli human rights organisation that gathers information in the occupied territories.
"We hoped this would not

happen but we almost expected it," said Mr. Eid after the Al Nahar was ordered closed by the PNA Friday.

"We will fight this closure order on all the levels," said Ikram Shaaban, Al Nahar journalist and director of distribution. "Al Nahar is published in Jerusalem and Jerusalem is not under the PNA jurisdiction yet - thus Mr. Arafat may confiscate our paper in Gaza and Jericho but he won't be able to do so in Nablus and Ramallah nor in Jerusalem," Ms. Shaaban said, in a telephone inter-

The closure order, say Palestinian journalists, will only increase sales of the paper — since "Palestinians are traditionally opposed to any existing authority.

At the moment there are only 'two Arabic, language dailies in the occupied territories and self-rule areas. The two, Al Quds which was traditionally seen as close to the PLO and Al Nahar which was seen as closer to Jordan, are both threatened by the PNA, according to journalists from

To counter the relatively independent line of the existing press which also includes almost a dozen weeklies, a new daily, Al Aqsa, has been founded under the

direct auspices of the PNA. "The Al Aqsa is the mouth piece of the PNA. It is like a government statement every morning," said Mr. Eid. "We don't mind if such a newspaper exists but not to replace all

the other papers."
"Even Al Quds has been under PNA pressure and the authorities are trying to squeeze it out of circulation," said Ms. Shaaban. To counter the closure of

Al Nahar for what the PNA describes as contradicting "the national interest of the Palestinian people," Al Nahar and Al Ques plan an aggressive marketing cam-paign in the occupied terri-

We have decided on a distribution and marketing campaign that will include Gaza as well," said Ms. Shaaban who was recently appointed director of distributions in addition to her job as reporter.

Palestinian journalists say they will urge Palestinian human rights organisations as well as international nongovernmental organisations to pressure the PNA into a more "democratic" stand regarding press freedoms.
"We will use all methods to

assure that we have a chance to live in the freedom we fought for so long," said Ms. Several Palestinian week-

lies were closed down by the Israeli authorities in the past, and now Palestinians fear that the Palestinian authorities will "merge the undemocratic tendencies of both the Arab governments towards their home press and the Israeli repression of Palestinian freedom of opinion," szid Mr. Eid.

"We are getting ready for a parallel fight, the fight for independence and the fight for democracy."
The Paris-based press de-

fence group Reporters Sans Frontieres (Reporters Without Borders - RSF) protested on Friday against the

"We are shocked by the unjustified measure taken against the daily Al Nahar ... and demand it be rescinded," RSF said in a communique. The measure also affected

the weekly Akhbar Al Balad but RSF made no mention of

NEWS IN BRIEF

Yussef Islam stopped at Amman airport

AMMAN (AFP) — Britain's former pop star Cat Stevens. known as Yussef Islam since he converted to Islam complained Saturday that border police had held him up for interrogation at Amman airport. Police questioned him. for half an hour on Thursday before allowing the Muslim activist into the country. "They asked personal questions regarding my origin, name and my father's name and profession," Mr. Islam told AFP. Mr. Islam said he had. turned down a police order to appear at the nearest police station within three days. But after contacts with a British vice consul, a police officer came to his hotel to apologise, over the case of "mistaken identity," the former singer said. The official extended a "warm welcome." Mr. Islam said his only similar experience was when he arrived in 1988 with one of his children at Tel Aviv airport to celebrate the feast of Al Adha with the Palestinians. He was now in Jordan, accompanied by his wife and their five young children, for five days of tourism and seeing friends. Mr. Islam visited Amman several times during the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, when he also travelled to Baghdad and Riyadh, as part of efforts to find a peaceful solution to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. He is a member of the London-based British Muslim Conference and the organisation Muslim aid, which sends relief aid to Afghanistan, Bangladesh and several African countries.

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Chinese PM meets Egyptian defence minister

HONG KONG (AFP) - Chinese Prime Minister Li Peng said Friday Beijing wants to develop all-round cooperation with Egypt, Xinhua reported. Mr. Li made the remarks during a meeting with visiting Egyptian Defence Minister Field Marshal Hussein Tantawy, who is also commander-in-chief of his country's armed forces, China's official news agency said in a dispatch monitored here. The two men expressed the hope that their talks would enhance cooperation both in the military and economic fields, the report said, without giving details. Also present at the meeting was China's Minister for National Defence Chi Haotian, Xinhua said.

Turkey changes tactics against rebels

ANKARA (R) - Turkish security forces, fighting Kurdish rebels in the southeast, are adopting new tactics to disrupt the guerrillas' supply routes, Armed Forces Chief of Staff General Dogan Gures said on Saturday. "We have changed the concept. We are now implementing areadomination. There is no advancing on the terrorists," Anatolia news agency quoted Gen. Gures as saying. "We now apply let them stay without logistical support - go hungry and surrender' strategy," Gen. Gures told members of the security and judicial correspondents' association. Gen. Gures said the new tactics were forcing the separatist rebels of the Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) to surrender in large numbers. He gave no figures.

Turkey to make Gallipoli green again

ISTANBUL (R) — Turkish political and business leaders are embarking on a project to plant millions of trees in the Gallipoli peninsula after a huge fire devastated the area this week. "The hills, now shrouded with sorrow, will be green again, with the use of advanced technology," President Suleyman Demirel was quoted as saying by the Anatolian news agency after touring the World War I battlefield on Saturday. The project is to take 10 years, Mr. Demirel said. Turkey's popular Milliyet newspaper has started a campaign to collect funds to restore the forest and firedamaged war cemeteries. The forest fire, which was brought under control on Wednesday, consumed 3,000 hectares of pine forest in an area mde famous by a costly allied failure to capture the Dardanelles Strait. The flames damaged some of the 50 military cemeteries and memorials in the area where Ataturk, founder and first president of the Turkish republic, led the Turks' successful defence against an invasion force composed mostly of Australian and New Zealand troops under British command in

Kuwait, U.S. to stage war games

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - U.S. and Kuwaiti forces are to hold joint military exercises near the Iraqi border on the fourth anniversary of Iraq's invasion of the emirate. Kuwaiti military sources said Saturday. Giant U.S. B-52 bombers are to take part in the exercises on Tuesday, the sources said. Live ammunition was to be used in the land manoeuvres in the Adri Al Khilla border zone. The sources gave no details on how many soldiers would be involved. The Kuwaiti and U.S. armies have held regular joint exercises since the two countries signed a defence pact in September 1991, following Iraq's defeat in the Gulf war. Iraqi troops stormed Kuwait on Aug. 2, 1990 but were driven out by a U.S.-led coalition seven months later.

Arson attack on Turkish family's house

house lived in by a Turkish family overnight in Sinzig, in western Germany, but nobody was hurt, police said on in the country since January 1992.

Spoonbender turns to art

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli psychic Uri Geller, who has captivated audiences around the world with mysterious feats of spoon bending and watch stopping, has turned his mind to art.

Mr. Geller, who features in a new film about his life by British movie director Ken Russell, has covered his cherished Cadillac with 5,000 pieces of contorted cutlery some apparently once used by famous personalities such as scientist Albert Einstein.

The artwork, he says, is a symbol of peace — particularly in the turbulent Middle

"One morning I woke up and I had this vision of my Cadillac riddled with bent spoons and forks," said the 48-year-old Geller, who lives in Britain. "We are trying to show

peace and the only way we can show peace, excluding the fact that the car has 'peace' written on it, is to bring Arabs and Jews together," he added.
The new art work is a joint

Mr. Geller said he bent about 20 per cent of the cutlery with brain power. Israeli artist Avi Pines, 31, bent the rest with his hands and spent six months attaching all of them to the 1976 shiny black car.

On Thursday, after shipping the car from Britain, they unveiled their handiwork on the patio of the Israel museum. The car will be parked

there for two months during the showing of Mr. Russell's "mindbender," a movie about Mr. Geller which has its world premiere at the museum on Wednesday. Movie posters will invite audiences to bring their

will auction it," he said. "The money will go to a good That's our dream."

Jerusalem.

special story. British schoolchildren donated 1,000 of them. Others belonged to Einstein, boxer Mohammad Ali, actress Whoopi Goldberg and Artist Salvador

Mr. Geller said one was a 500-year-old spoon from Tibet. The car's hood mascot is an ancient crystal ball.

said he himself appears at the end of the film to fix their watches, using his mind. He said 100,000 people called in once when he did the stunt on U.S. television. Mr. Geller, who grew up

poor in Tel Aviv, bought the expensive car in 1976, as a symbol of his new-found international success.

but smile as the car got its own first public showing at the museum in occupied Mr. Pines, a street vendor

him in Tel Aviv three years Buddha.

The pair hope to show the car at other museums before

auctioning it for charity.

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"In the end hopefully we

cause. I'd like it to go to both Jewish and Arab children. Passers-by could not help

when Mr. Geller discovered

ago, sculpted some of the spoons into religious shapes Christian cross, a Muslim crescent and one shaped like The word "peace" is

Arabic and Hebrew.

broken watches. Mr. Geller

blistering attack on the Lebanon-based organisation, which is financed by Iran and supported politically by Syria, the main foreign pow-- a Jewish star of David, a er-broker in Lebanon. "Groups like Hizbollah that wreak havoc and bloodshed must be defeated." Mr.

carved into other spoons in several languages, including Some of the spoons have a

Hizbollah looms into focus after bombings in Argentina that killed at least 100 people and bomb attacks in London Tuesday and Wednesday that left 20

> wounded. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told AFP during a visit to Cyprus that his country had "indirect proof of Hizbollah's involvement in the bombings.

Hizbollah, the Party of God, has been led by Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah since 1992, when his predecessor Sheikh Abbas Mussawi was killed along with his son in an Israeli air raid.

It emerged as a force to be reckoned with after Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, when several hundred Iranian Revolutionary Guards (Pasdaran) entered the eastern Bekaa Valley. There are now around 50 Revolutionary Guards there.

Hizbollah set up its base in Baaibek, alongside the Pasdaran, and gradually began attracting large numbers of Muslim fundamentalists who shared the same desire to crush the "Zionist enemy" in Israel's self-declared "security zone" in South Lebanon. In 1985 Hizbollah began

mobilising many more volunmaking headline news after the formation of a political leadership, the Majlis Al Shura, and the first attacks claimed by its military wing, the Islamic Resistance.

Western intelligence services accused Hizbollah of playing a major role in kidnappings of Americans and Europeans in Lebanon in the 1980s, but the movement alwavs denied any links with the hostage-takers.

Over the years Hizboliah's operations have ranged from suicide car-bombings and large-scale guerrilla attacks to more recent deadly hitand-run attacks on İsraeli positions deeper within the security zone."

In 1993, Hizbollah operations killed 26 Israeli soldiers twice as many as in the previous year. In recent weeks the guerrillas have also used more soph-

isticated weapons to strike at Israeli soldiers and their proxy South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia. According to unofficial estimates, Hizbollah has be-

tween 3,000-7,000 full-time

In 1992 Hizbollah won a major political battle when

eight of its representatives secured seats in legislative elections for the first time. But last month Hizboliah

was dealt one of its worst blows when 32 trainees were killed in an Israeli air raid which devastated a training base near the border with Syria in the Bekaa Valley. Two weeks earlier Israeli

commandos abducted from his Bekaa home Mustafa Dirani, a guerrilla chief close to Hizbellah, to obtain information about Israeli airman Ron Arad, whose plane was shot down over Lebanon in 1986.

Syria, which the United States is trying to woo back to peace talks with Israel, continues to support Hizbollah and rejects Washington's calls to disband the guerrillas.

The Lebanese government disarmed all militias after the 1975-1990 civil war, but maintains that the guerrillas have a legal right to fight the guerrillas, but is capable of Israeli occupation forces.

SINZIG, GERMANY (AFP) - Arsonists set fire to a

Saturday. Police said the building was empty at the time of the attack, around 3.15 a.m., because the family was away on holiday. A passer-by called the fire service after seeing the flames. He told police he had seen two young people running away. Investigators said the arsonists appeared to have broken a window with a stone and then hurled a burning object into the house. Structural damage was estimated at over \$30,000. Police were unable to determine whether the attack was motivated by a settling of scores or by a racist attack, such as those that have left about 20 dead

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High population growth rate required Investment firm projects to hire borrowing to meet needs — minister

'AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan's tion and Development." population growth rate, currently at 4.5 per cent and one of the highest in the world, is to blame for the Kingdom's past borrowing practices that were implemented to narrow the gap among different social classes and create jobs for the unemployed by promoting services and conducting infrastructure-building schemes, according to Minister of Planning Hisham Al Khatib.

The growth rate has drained already meagre natural resources and adversely affected the development achievements of the past few years, added the minister at the opening of a four-day workshop entitled "PopulaOrganised by the planning

ministry in cooperation with the Amman office of the U.N. Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA), the workshop is attended by participants from government agencies who will discuss demographic changes and their relation to development.

A report released by the National Population Commission last September predicted that Jordan's population would reach 5.2 million by the end of the century. It said the fertility rate among women aged 15-49 stood at 5.6 per cent, one of the highest among developing na-

ly preparing for a general census later this year which will provide detailed information on the population's basic needs, said Mr. Khatib.

The census will be the

fourth conducted in the Kingdom, the others were taken in 1952, 1961 and 1979. Referring to the waves of migration to Jordan in the last four decades, the minister said they occurred when Jordan was facing critical economic circumstances and the added numbers of people resulted in a compounding of

nomy and resources.

Mr. Khatib said he appreciated the UNFPA's help in conducting surveys

burdens on the country's eco-

population, resources and de-

U.N. Resident Representative in Jordan Othman Hashem said at the meeting that population changes should be taken into consideration when drawing up national strategies on socioeconomic development.

Such a policy, he said, is of vital importance to ensuring sustainable development, dealing with poverty and providing a better standard of

living for the population.

Referring to the World

Population Conference to be held in Cairo in September, Dr. Hashem said it would help define measures to be taken at the national levels to meet the needs of individuals,

200 people from southern regions

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Regent, the newly-formed Iordanian Company for Investments and the Development of the Southern Regions of Jordan will soon start projects which will employ at least 200 people from the south of the Kingdom, according to Mazen Nasser, the company's general mana-

The JD 1 million company is completing feasibility stu-dies on establishing plants for manufacturing glass containers, soap and uniforms, among others products, said Mr. Nasser in a statement

Saturday. Created upon directives from His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the concern is owned by the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JPMC), the Arab Potash Company (APC) and the Jordan Cement Factories Company (JCFC).

According to Mr. Nasser the JD 1 million capital will be increased as projects are implemented, adding that future schemes planned by the management would involve the employment of up to 1,000 people, primarily from southern Jordan.

Company sources said the initial projects will be implemented in Karak and Tafileh, and others will be located in several other areas

Mr. Nasser said the company, which was established four months ago, aims at improving economic conditions in the southern governorates via these projects and the employment of local workforce.

Referring to other pro-jects, Mr. Nasser said that feasibility studies are being conducted on the prospects of establishing tourism, tex-tile, shoes and leather, traditional crafts, agricultural and food processing projects.

After these projects are

initiated, the company plans to set up subsidiary companies at every project in order to open the door to different investors, said Mr.

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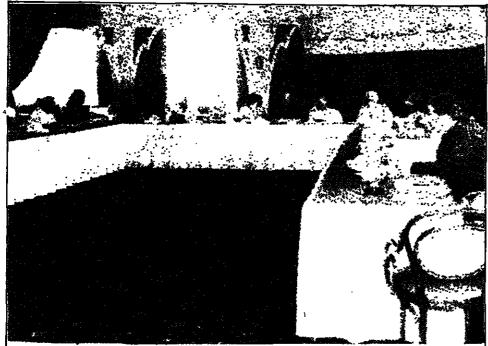
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which is expected to be

the minister added.

At present, the company is seeking coordination and cooperation with the Queen Alia Fund for Social Development (QAF), the Jordan Cooperative Organisation (JCO) and the Jordanian. Investments Cooperation to carry out these schemes.

With reference to tourism. Mr. Nasser said the company plans two major projects at Afra and Barbitah mineral springs in Tafileh Governorate and 'Ain Sara in Karak Governorate. He said the Karak Municipality and the Social Security Corporation (SSC) have promised assistance and cooperation in implementing these schemes.



Writers Saturday convene at the Regency Adab magazine (Petra photo) Palace Hotel for a two-day symposium

Members of the General Union of Arab marking the 40th year of publication of Al

Al Adab magazine marks 40 years on news-stands

By Angham Tamimi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Al Adab magazine "was faithful to our Arab problems and crises at a time when many other Arab forums were funded by foreign agencies aiming at killing any attempt to build Arab minds," according to Ali Uqla U'rsan, president of the Arab Union of Writers

in Syria. Celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Arab literary magazine at a twoday symposium meant to clarify the monthly's role in Arab culturai life, members of the General Union of Arab Writers met at the Regency Palace Hotel

Saturday. During the opening ses-sion on Friday, Minister of Culture Jumaa Hammad addressed the gathering and asked, "where are the unity anthems and the onenation motos?" Still he said, there is hope and those gathered should not

giants of Arab poetry and literature because the Arab nation will certainly give birth to other giants.

Secretary General of the General Union of Arab Writers in Jordan Fakhri Kawar talked of the publication's colourful history, saying that the magazine (first published in 1953) never failed to achieve its plans. This, he said, proves how deep-rooted the magazine is among its read-

"It is a symbol for us to introduce other such publications," said Mr. Kawar. Mr. Ursan said that he believes that Al Adab is a forum for the Arab identity. It is a bridge linking the old with the modern, he said, adding that "it did us

and publishers." Finally, Suheil Idris, founder of the magazine, thanked the audience and promised to continue con-fronting this "rotten age,"

a favour as readers, writers

inside our people by some Arab systems," which he described as "traitors."

Al Adab magazine is a reknowned Arab periodical. Throughout its 40 years it has appeared continuously on news-stands in the Arab World and abroad. Its impact is evident in modern Arab literature.

The magazine has played a major role in introducing Arab authors to the rest of the world, including the rich works of writers from Egypt, Syria, Iraq, Yemen and Bahrain.

Many acclaimed Arab writers participated in the symposium, including: Suheil Idris, Samah Idris, Yumna Al-Ied, Ilias Khouri, Abdul-Wahab Bayati. Tarrad Kubeisi, Hatem Segar, Said Ghneimi, Hanna Mina, Nabil Suleiman, Sabri Hafidh, Mu'nis Razzaz: Wasini Araj, Abdul-Ilah Abdul-Qadir and Radi Bo-

Spanish T.V. team completes filming

Minister sees tourism as pillar of peace, security

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — During a twoweek period that witnessed Israeli officials meeting their Jordanian counterparts on Jordanian soil and the signing of the Washington Declaration between His Majesty King Hussein and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, a Spanish television team concluded its film making mission in the Kingdom with words of optimism and concrete plans from Minister of Tourism Mohammad Adwan.

"We have great and many challenges and opportunities, and we have to work fast with determination and proper planlenges," said Dr. Adwan, during a video-taped interview with the Television Espanola (TVE) who were here to make a documentary programme on Jordan.

"I am very optimistic because so many possibilities are open for all parties in the region including Israel," Dr. Adwan added.

The minister stressed on the future of the tourism industry pointing out that it is essential not only to Jordan, but to the entire region, because "tourism is the main pillar for sustained peace and security," and "it fosters human understanding and interac-tion in the long run. By the same token, peace is the foundation for the development of the tourism industry which depends on the creation of an environment conducive to investment and development," added Dr. Adwan.

In addition to increasing the number of tourists in



Mohammad Adwan

the region, the minister said, job opportunities are expected to multiply as is regional cooperation in the field of tourism marketing. According to Dr. Adwan, the ministry is preparing a master plan for priority tourism develop-

ment regions including Pet-ra, Aqaba, the Dead Sea

broadcast in Spain in the next few months, the minister said that it is a great opportunity for the Spanish population to get exposed to Jordan's touristic sites since "we both have similar

enjoy good relations in many spheres." The five-person TVE team arrived in Jordan on July 11, on two missions; to cover the peace talks and to produce a documentary programme on Jordanian istoric sites.

cultures and traditions, and

They extended their stay because of the Jordanian-Israeli talks held in Wadi Araba and the visit to the

Kingdom of Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. Spain, with a population of 42 million, has more than 13 local and govern-ment channels. TVE is a governmental channel and

main channels in Spain. The documentary is intended to capture Jordanian touristic sites to a background of music and natural sound effects. The film will be aired once in

employs more than 13.000

people. It is one of two

Adnan Ali Jaber, the production manager and translator, on the TVE team said the group was pleased with its accomplishments during their

"I wish all the best for my country and I hope that tourism will flourish here," said Mr. Jaber, a Jordanian residing in Spain for the past 35 years.

Arab engineers plan 2 meetings

tion of Arab Engineers (FAE) Saturday opened a two-day meeting in Amman under the chairmanship of the federation's Vice President Hosni Abu Ghaida and with the participation of delegates from Jordan, Sudan

and Iraq.
The delegates will work out arrangements for convening a meeting of the federation's higher council in Amman in September and pave the ground for a pan-Arab engineering conference to be

By Angham Tamimi

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listeners with catchy tunes

"We are a volunteer

group," Olfa Atalla, a

Tunisian singer of the

group, told the Jordan

Times. The group, formed

about 20 years ago, in-

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1995, Said Mr. Abu Ghaida Mr. Abu Ghaida, who is also president of the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA), said that the participants will discuss engineering issues facing the federation and the role of engineering unions and scientific research centres in promoting the pro-

fession in the Arab World. The, FAE, which was established in 1963, aims at pooling Arab engineers' resources and their efforts to advance the development of the Arab World.

Refugee host countries agree to urge more concern for Jerusalem issue

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Arab countries hosting Palestine refugees concluded a weekmeenng in Damascus and have agreed to step up efforts at the international level to pressure Israel not to pursue its policy of changingthe character of Jerusalem, according to the head of the Palestine Affairs Department Asem Ghosheh.

Mr. Ghosheh, who returned from the meeting Friday, said that delegates from Jordan, Palestine, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the Arab League said their gov-

said Mr. Ghosheh, called on Arab states to adopt a unified plan that would secure continued material and moral aid to the Palestinian people, helping them to protect their homes, lands and other property and abort Israel's attempts to seize Arab-

owned property.

He said that the plan envisages financial assistance from the Organisation of Islamic support the plan. Mr. Ghosheh said that the statement stressed that Arab ral part of the occupied West Bank and urged Arab states to discuss the future of Jerusalem at the Arab League in Cairo to formulate a collec-

tive Arab policy regarding

Jerusalem. The delegates discussed social and economic conditions in the occupied Arab lands and recommended that a study on stimulating the work of a Palestine fund for development be prepared and submitted to the Arab

NEWS IN BRIEF

Princess Basma returns from Stockholm meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Basma returned to Amman Saturday after leading a Jordanian delegation to an international roundtable meeting held in Stockholm, Sweden, to discuss world social developments. The U.N.-sponsored meeting convened for four days during which participants focused on sustainable development and achieving a balance between resources and population growth

Authorities seize unlicensed

ZARQA (Petra) - Health and public safety pipes.

teams in Zarqa Saturday announced the seizure of unspecified quantities of unlicensed drugs. Quantities of medicines worth JD40,000 were found in a store which was shut down by the authorities.

Gas station fire injures youth

AMMAN (Petra) — A fire at an old gas station in Ras Al Ain district in Amman caused the injury of a 14-year-old boy and material damage, according to the Public Security Department (PSD). The boy tossed a lit cigarrette near a fuel tank causing the fire to ignite and burst one of the station's fuel

WHAT'S GOING ON

JERASH FESTIVAL

- ☆ Concert by Ali Abdul Sattar of Qatar at the South Theatre at 20:30.
- * Performance by the Dead Sea Fishing Club at the Artemis Theatre at 19:00.
- ☆ Monodrama "Anthology of Martyrdom and Exile" at the Artemis Theatre at 21:30.
- ☆ "Poems and Musical Dialogue" at the Garasia Theatre at 20:00. ★ Monodrama entitled "The Danger of Smoking" at Garasia Theatre at 20:45.

☆ Film entitled "The Cowboys" at the American Center at 5:00 p.m. (128

☆ Play in Arabic entitled A Black Consedy" by Majd Al Qasas at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:30 p.m.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ "Happy Prince" play at the Sound and ☆ "A one-painting exhibition" (about 15-Light Theatre at 19:00 p.m. metre long which took two years to complete) by Marwan Al Allan at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art (Tel. 695291). ☆ One-day flower exhibition at the Jordan Inter-Continental Hotel (5:00 p.m. - 9:00
 - p.m.). ☆ Exhibition of Arabic calligraphy at the Royal Cultural Centre.
 - ★ Exhibition of Chinese products at the Royal Cultural Centre.

Conference (OIC) which ernments would follow up this question particularly with operates the Jerusalem Fund League Council, and calls on Islamic states to



The Family International Group performing a Jordanian folklore piece as part of their repertoire at the

the family performs in schools, hospitals, and to victims of disasters to offer people a hope that life is worth living. "We also use music for educational purposes: to teach students good values. We hope to make positive contributions to help people sense the world better," added Ms. Atalla.

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to the stage at the Jerash Festival of Culture and During Thursday's performance, The Family In-Although music has a ternational Group presented songs in English on various topics: "Smile," major role in the group's work, it is used only as a "Peace in the Middle of a Storm," "Avoid Argu-ment," "Keep Up Fightmeans to convey a message.
With a quiet smile on her

other uplifting songs, among which were: "Latin Beat," and "Looking at the Bright Side of Life." They concluded their 10-song repertoire with an additional two Jordanian folklore

"Around the world, there are many problems, and different influences, so we try to make them positive." Canadian singer Norman James told the Jordan Times. "We've been to 50 or 60 countries, and we feit welcomed. People like our style. In fact they need it and appreciate

Because it is a volunteer

Jerash Festival of Culture and Arts (Photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

effort, the group does not make a living out of their performing. They depend upon some sponsors here and there, Mr. James ex-plained. "There are many companies around the world interested in financing our programmes," he

"We are indigenous, independent, but we correspond with each other, and we always meet friends around the world," added

Ms. Atalia. Asked how she became involved in this voluntary work, Ms. Atalla said, "I always wanted to help others. And when I was working in Japan. I met some of The Family International Group. I ain really happy doing this, especially when I see people happy when listening to us."

As for Norman James, he "met a family in Canada a long time ago, who used to give a hand to people in need. I admired them, and wanted to do the same."

The Family International Group expressed sincere appreciation for His Majesty King Hussein's attempts to achieve peace in the region. They said they hoped to have enough power to help people as much as King Hussein does.

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Aristide clears way for Maiti invasion resolution

cies) — Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, called for quick and decisive action to end the suffering of his people, thereby clearing the way for a resolution allowing a U.S. invasion.

In a letter to the United Nations Friday Mr. Aristide said he believed the moment had come for the international community "to take swift and decisive action under the authority of the United Na-

Asked if the letter had received a favourable reaction. U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright said "uhsolutely.

Security Council nego-tiators late Friday reached broad agreement on an American-initiated draft resolution and sent it to their respective capitals for

Council President Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan said members would inform him when they were ready to vote. He set tentative meeting dates for Saturday and Sunday but most delegations thought Sunday was more likely.

Russia still had some objections and Brazil's ambassador said his government still needed to study the

Mr. Marker said Mr. Aristide's letter was "central, was

Breyer confirmed to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Senate has overwhelmingly

confirmed President Bill Clinton's nominee Stephen Breyer

to the nine-judge U.S. Supreme Court. Reflecting broad

bipartisan support, the vote was 87-9 in favour of the

He replaces retiring Justice Harry Blackmun. President Bill

Clinton introduced Judge Breyer to a Boys Nation gathering

at the White House. Judge Breyer is his second nominee to

the high court after Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a women's rights

advocate who joined the court last year. Judge Breyer and

Judge Ginsberg on the Supreme Court, Mr. Clinton said,

"shows we can have excellence on the Supreme Court that

unites the American people rather than divides them.'

Judge Breyer will be the 108th justice to sit on the court, the

top legal authority in the United States which rules on many

of the leading controversial issues before the country. Both

Democrats and Republicans voiced strong backing for him,

with Senator Edward Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat

and Orrin Hatch, the ranking Republican on the Senate

PARIS (AFP) - French conservative Prime Minister

Edouard Balladur would beat all potential rivals on the left if

a presidential election were held now, according to an

opinion poll to be published Sunday. In a contest with Jacques Delors, the Socialist outgoing European Commis-

sion president, Mr. Balladur would score 57 per cent against

43 per cent for Mr. Delors, the poll by the IFOP institute

showed. He would also beat former Socialist Party leader

Michel Rocard 66 per cent to 39. But Mr. Delors would

defeat neo-Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac, 52 per cent to 48

Armenians protest against government

MOSCOW (AFP) - Some 50,000 Armeniahs demonstrated

calmly in Yerevan late Friday to protest continuing economic

misery under President Levon Ter-Petrossian, ITAR-TASS

news agency said Saturday. The rally was organised by the

National Democratic Union, made up of former Ter-

Petrossian allies, turned opponents. No violent incidents

were reported, but speakers called for the resignation of the

government, elections and a new constitution. Achot Man-

outcharian, a former presidential advisor on internal secur-

ity, said Armenia had become a police state and accused the

Interior Ministry of having links to organised crime. About

25,000 people attended another National Democratic Union

rally in Yerevan on July 1. Armenia's severe economic crisis

has been sharpened by the government's support for

Armenian separatists in Nagorno-Karabakh, a mountainous

enclave inhabited mainly by Christian Armenians in Muslim

Azerbaijan. The Yerevan government officially denies in-

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) - Gov. Pedro Rossello

deciared a state of emergency and called out the National

Guard Thursday to help Puerto Rico deal with its worst

drought in more than 30 years. Mr. Rossello also asked U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy to declare this U.S.

commonwealth's farming industry in a state of disaster and allocate federal funds. "I submit this urgent petition with

regret, after concluding, after many months of determined

effort and careful evaluation, that the government of Puerto

Rico must now seek aid to fight the devastating impact on

our territory of the most severe drought in more than 30

years." Mr. Rossello said in a statement. A drought that

began last September has cut into agriculture and forced

Emergency declared in Puerto Rico

volver ert in the war.

Judiciary Committee praising his honesty and integrity.

Salladur is ahead in polls

-year-old Boston Judge who will be sworn in next week.

Without that letter there would be no resolution, there would be no action."

The letter had been sought by most delegations, particularly Latin American and Carribbean states, all of whom except Argentina are uneasy about a possible U.S. invasion in the Western hemisohere.

seeking approval for a multinational force to use "all necessary means" to bring about the departure of Haiti's military. If the United States invades, it expects to use more than 15,000 troops.

At issue is a resolution

The U.S.-led force would be monitored by a small group of U.N. military observers, and the United Nations is also to field peacekeepers after the invaders leave. The resolution asks for

6,000 peacekeepers. Russia and some other delegations insist U.N. officials first brief the Council on what these troops would do. believing the number is too

high.
Mr. Aristide said in his letter the Haitian military had increased the suffering of the country's citizens and forced many to flee.

He called the military leaders, who overthrew him in a September 1991 coup, arrogant and provocative in their continued defiance of the international community.

"This attitude has contri-

terioration of human rights in Haiti and to the dramatic increase in the suffering of the Haitian people who have been forced to search for refuge outside their national borders," he said.

Mr. Aristide did not directly mention an invasion or use of force. He is forbidden by Haiti's constitution to call for an intervention by foreign

Meanwhile, some 935 U.S. Marines and navy forces Friday carried out a landing exercise on a Puerto Rico beach, a short distance away from blockaded Haiti, informed sources said.

The exercise, involving live ammunition, included the search of mock housing and infra-red detection opera-

The men involved in the exercise were from among the 2,000 Marines and 1,700 sailors deployed aboard landing ships cruising off the blockaded Caribbean island nation of Haiti.

U.S. President Bill Clinton has warned of a possible U.S. intervention in Haiti against the military regime there.

"If the Marines go into Haiti, we're the first ones to hit the ground," Marine Lt. Col. Dave Young said. The commander of the landing battalion said he knew of no plans for a Haitian invasion. The assault provided furth-

er saber rattling to intimidate

broke the monotony of weeks at sea for the marines.

Haiti's military-backed government pressed ahead Friday with discussions on new elections this year even though most groups here say they will boycott any poll.

Officials said the government of Interim President Emile Jonassaint, which is not recognised by world community, was still uncertain whether to hold elections just for parliament or for the presidency as well.

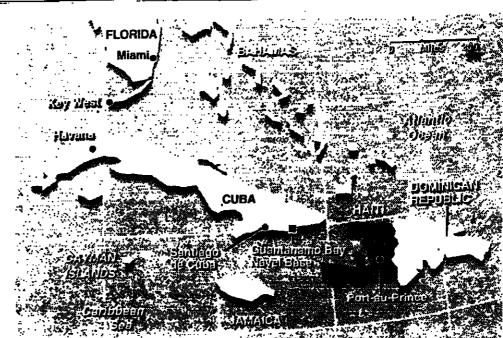
"We have not taken any final decision and we are consulting the different parties," a government adviser told AFP, speaking on condition that he not be named. Well-informed sources said

the army commanded by General Raoul Cedras, which was behind the installation of Mr. Jonassaint as temporary president in May, had not made a final decision.

With the junta under pressure to step down in favour of deposed President Aristide or face a possible U.S. invasion, officials here announced plans Tuesday to hold elections in early November.

But most political groups in Haiti have declared their intention to boycott the elections, no matter what form they take.

There is virtually no chance pro-Aristide groups will participate and Haiti's



two socialist groups, the National Congress of Democratic Movements and the Nationalist Progressive Revolutionary Party, will also stay away.

The country's former centrist prime minister, Marc Bazin joined the boycott Friday, saying: "The question is not how to use the elections to get out of the crisis but how to get out of the crisis to have these elections."

Mr. Bazin said he saw only one way out of the situation: Peaceful compromise on the basis of reciprocal sacrifices." One of the few vet to take a stand on the elections in

Leslie Manigat, the former Christian-Democrat president who is in favour of keeping both Mr. Aristide and Gen. Cedras out of

Most observers here see

few signs of an end to the political impasse at a time when the impoverished Caribbean country is increasingly feeling the pinch of a total economic embargo imposed by the United Na-

Relief workers and church sources say the international embargo, which has been considerably tightened since May, had led to the deaths of at least 12,000 people, mainly women, children and the

elderly.
U.N. officials say another 3,000 people have been killed in the political repression inflicted on the country.

While the United States considers military action here, pro-Aristide groups have come out against an invasion and are counting on a popular uprising to overthrow the junta — a possibil-

Moscow called for constructive dialogue between

the rival camps, warning that it would be "obliged" to pro-

tect Russian citizens in the

republic if they fell victim to

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had been a "strong upsurge

in criminality" in the region.

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nappers have either been

identified as Chechens or

ity seen as remote. One merchant here, who asked not be named, called himself a political "hostage" in the crisis. "We are condemned to suffer in silence while the international community waits for the results of the sanctions," he

In Washington, French Defence Minister Francois Leotard said that an invasion did not seem imminent but that he had discussed a 'possible U.S. intervention' with U.S. Vice President Al

Mr. Leotard also added that France was willing to approve in principle a proposed U.N. resolution the United States has presented to the U.N. Security Council which effectively would give the nod to a U.S.-led multinational force in Haiti.

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throughout Chechnya as they

were waging a "psychological war against the Chechen state

The Moscow government's

statement, issued after three

years of indecision over

Chechnya's attempted seces-

sion effectively called on the

Chechen people to topple

The statement, which fol-

lowed a much softer line

taken by President Boris

Yeltsin earlier this week,

seemed to indicate that the

Kremlin was ready to act to

"The policy of the current

Chechen leadership has be-

come the main destabilising

factor in the north Cau-

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from Chechnya... to commit

dangerous crimes," it said,

accusing Mr. Dudayev of

supressing opposition by force and killing hundreds of

"The Russian government

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LONDON (AFP) — A baby boy conceived at the same time as his twin sisters was born last week, three and a half years after their arrival. the press reported Saturday. Peter Hudson, 46, a builder, took out a £10,000 (\$15,000) loan to pay for in-vitro fertilisation. Doctors took 20 eggs from his wife Deirdre, 30, and produced 15 embryos. Three were implanted and twin daughters Imogen and Robyn were born in 1991. The rest of the embryos were frozen. Two years later, the couple decided they wanted a third child and asked the doctors to "defrost" the remaining embryos and implant Three were successfully implanted and sadly they were all lost." Peter Hudson was quoted as saying. "We simply had to try again and the remaining embryos were used." 'Again, two were lost," he said, but one survived and Guy was born last week. Peter Hudson said in the struggle to have a family, the couple fell behind with their bills and had to sell their house. "Now we are totally broke, but totally happy. A friend got in touch and said he had heard about our plight and did an amazing thing — he gave us his cottage in Deal (southern England) where we live now," he told The Times newspaper. A report in the Daily Telegraph quoted test tube fertility expert Dr. Peter Brinsden as saying that "time-warp" triplets would become more common as increasing numbers of babies are born from frozen embryos. He added that the triplets are not identical as they came from separate eggs, although from the same batch of embryos. ways of suspending Russian

211,000 young people take a vow of chastity

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A total of 211,163 young Americans of both sexes took a public vow_of chastity before marriage Friday by planting signed cards proclaiming their sexual abstinence on the lawn of the Mall in Washington. President Bill Clinton received a delegation of young people at the White House who had responded to 'The True Love Waits" movement launched by Baptist congregations in the southern states. The movecorted by 2 Christian organisations and denominations. The signed cards bore the legend: "Believing that true love waits. I make a commitment to God, myself, my family, those I date, my future mate and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter marriage." Three quarters of all young people in the United States have sexual intercourse before leaving secondary education and 40 per cent are sexually active when they enter ninth grade, at age 14 to 15, according to a study published in 1990 by the Centres for Disease Control.

Republic, be they Chechens or Russians, it will be obliged to protect them in accordance with the Russian constitu-

Chinese province

battles rampant

sex HONG KONG (R) - The fight against a rising tide of prostitution in China is being thwarted by complacent officials who consider it a necessary evil that could improve the investment environment, Chinese newspapers reported. Years of communist puritanism had greatly reduced prostitution and drugs in China, but newly rich coastal provinces say they are now fighting a relapse. Booming Guangdong province, whose exports accounted for over 30 per cent of the national total, recently announced a campaign against "the seven so-cial evils", the term China uses for crimes including prostitution, "Some (regional) party leaders think these evils are inevitable... or harmless, and can even improve the investment environment," said the official Guangzhou Daily received Friday. The daily Nanfang Ribao reported police in Foshan arrested over 30 prostitutes and more than 20 customers after a raid on an entertainment centre highly popular for its all-in-one service — namely alcohol, sex and gambling. The Guangzhou Daily said Haizhou district police sentenced two women to 15 days detention for taking part in a striptease show. The women were part of an eight-women troupe touring the province charging customers 10 yuan (\$1.20) per ticket. This latest crackdown is just the latest in a series of on-again off-again anti-vice campaigns.

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further work on his proposed government programme, in particular on Mr. Kok's proposed budget for 1995.

although they reserved the right to discuss and carry out

U.N. creates post of inspector general

UNITED NATION (R) — The 184-member General Assembly created an inspector general's Friday to probe mismanagement and waste in the United Nations after months of vigorous lobbying by the Clinton administration. The new post, called the Office of Internal Oversight Services, has the authority to initiate and carry out investigations into all U.N. programmes, including peacekeeping, after growing criticisms of waste and abuse. Waistle-blowers will be protected. With the United States already in arrears to the United Nations for more than \$1 billion in dues and peacekeeping costs, the U.S. Congress last year threatened to withhold more money unless an inspector-general was appointed. "The passage of this resolution constitutes an istoric step forward for the United Nations," said U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright in her speech to the assembly. "It establishes a mechanism with the independe, resources and clout to make a real difference in how this institution operates. And it will be good for those — our taxpayers — who pay the U.N.'s bills," she said.

Bhutto orders Karachi cleaned up

KARACHI (AP) - Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto speni this week getting reacquainted with her troubled hometown of Karachi, a city where few people have electricity but most own guns. A week of feuding between militant Shiite and Sunni Muslim groups has given rise to sectarian hit squads. At least six well-known Shiite or Sunni activists have been gunned down. Profit-driven crime is also soaring. On Thursday, heavily-armed bandits pinned down dozens of police in a three-hour gunbattle. One police officer was killed and several were wounded, but all the criminals escaped, according to police officials. If that weren't enough, unusually heavy monsoon rains have left the city's poorest wading waist-deep in water. Sewage lines have backed up, mountains of rain-soaked garbage are crawling with rats, and authorities are trying to stave off a cholera epidemic. An estimated 1.5 million illegal immigrants, mostly from Bangladesh, Iran and India, have flooded into this city of nine million searching for jobs. Many have brought their old rivalries with them.

2 ex-ministers arrested in Gambia

DAKAR (R) - Gambia's new head of state Lieutenant Yayah Jammeh said Friday two army captains who were sacked from the cabinet had been arrested on suspicion of planning to sabotage his coup. Lt. Jammeh told Senegalese Television Captain Shamsudeen Sarr, sacked Wednesday from the Trade Ministry, and Captain Omar Cham, the former information minister, had given information to the former government of ousted President Sir Dawda Jawara. Lt. Jammeh said they had given army uniforms to ex-soldiers who planned to set up illicit road blocks and carry out looting. They were sacked from the cabinet Wednesday in the second reshuffle since young officers led by Lt. Jammeh ousted Sir Dawda last Friday. Vice-President Sana Sabally Thursday denied talk of a counter-coup and said Lt. Jammel had wanted to put more civilians in his government. In the Gambian capital Banjul, police said Sir Dawda's Local Government Minister Yaya Ceesay had been arrested trying to flee to the neighbouring Senegalese province of Casasa ance disguised as a woman. They said six former cabinet ministers were now in detention. A Gambian delegation led by Foreign Minister Bolong Sonko visited Senegal Friday and pleaded for the outside world to have patience and judge the army-led government by its actions rather than rush to

MX missile hit by gunfire

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif (R) - An unarmed MX nuclear missile being shipped in a railroad boxcar was hit by random gunfire, causing at least \$11 million in damage, the air force said Friday. The \$70 million missile, also known as the Peacekeeper, was hit by one bullet each in its first and second stages on its way last month to Vandenberg Air Force Base from F.E. Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne, Wyoming, said First Lieutenant John Dorrian. The damage to the MX, part of America's stockpile of intercontinental ballistic missiles, was discovered June 20 during a routine inspection, the Vandenberg spokesman said. The two stages were "rendered inoperable" and have since been shipped to a missile silo in Utah to be destroyed. Lt. Dorrian said, The Federal Bureau of Investigation and air force officials were investigating the incident but so far have not determined where the disassembled missile was hit along its route, he said. "Right now they're treating this as a random act and not something that was calculated," Lt. Dorrian said. "The total estimate of damage would be at least \$11 million."

Chechnya almost 'out of control'-Russia called for investigations into

the unrest.

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Unrest inside Chechnya has plunged the Russian separatist republic into a virtual state of lawlessness, the Russian government charged Friday. In a statement to the ITAR-TASS agency, the government said Chechnya was raging "almost out of control," directly blaming the North Caucasus republic's President Dzhokhar Dudayev for the deteriorating situation.

The statement came hours after the bloody end to the fourth mass-hostage-taking in southern Russia in eight months, all of which have been linked with the tiny Muslim state. Mr. Dudayev's "ambitious"

political strategy which tried "to present Russia as the enemy of the Chechen people" had led to the republic's isolation and was "the principal factor in the destabilisation of the North Caucasus," the statement said.

Sources close to the Chechen opposition say armed pro- and anti-Dudayev factions have been embroiled in clashes for the last 10 days, with the latter taking control of several regions.

Mr. Dudayev proclaimed the republic's independence at the end of 1991 and dissolved parliament in April

SRINAGAR, India (AFP)

officials said.

— An indefinite strike

have sought to flee with their. ransom to the mountainous The four attacks had several other elements in common:

Well-armed gunmen seized a busload of hostages, demanded millions of dollars ranter. A spokesman for Russia's counter-intelligence service acknowledged Friday that

each of the four incidents bore similarities and said they might have been masterminded by a single group.

A senior official in Mr. Dudayev's intelligence services. Khamid Dzhamaldayev, countered Friday that

the Russian Secret Service had been behind the four attacks. Mr. Dudavev, meanwhile,

told a cabinet meeting in the

capital Grozny that he had Indefinite strike hits Kashmir

ordered by Muslim militants to protest the arrest of their top leaders paralysed normal life Saturday in Kashmir, Meanwhile, seven people JKLF leader Yasin Malik, died and 20 houses were gutted Saturday during a fierce gun battle between Muslim

rebels and Indian troopers in the Kashmiri town of Spore, 55 kilometres north of Srinagar, police said. In Srinagar, government offices, banks, shops and schools shut Friday in line with the strike called jointly by the outlawed Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front

(JKLF) and the Islamic Students League (ISL). Private vehicles went off the streets and residents stayed indoors as the general strike took hold in Srinagar, Kashmir's summer capital and urban hub of anti-Indian

layan region.
The JKLF and the ISL

rebellion raging in the Hima-

separatist groups have warned that the indefinite strike would last until the release of their leaders. They have also demanded the withdrawal of Indian troops from sacred Muslim shrine in

Shakeel Ahmad Bakshi, leader of the banned ISL. and 11 other Muslim separatist leaders were arrested Thursday during a protest at Kashmir's holiest Islamic shrine, the Hazratbal Mos-They were protesting

against the bunkers erected by Indian paramilitary troops around the shrine, which houses a sacred hair which Kashmiri Muslims believe came from the beard of the Prophet Mohammad. The Muslim separatist

leaders were driven away in a bus to an unknown destination by Indian troops.

Police say Malik, who returned to Kashmir in May after four years in prison, had wanted to launch a hunger strike inside the mosque to demand the dismantling of the security pickets around the lakeside shrine.

Indian troops erected the checkpoints in November following a month-long army siege of the Hazratbal Mosque to flush out several dozen Muslim guerrillas holed up inside.

Although the mosque remains open, most Kashmiri Muslims have refused to visit it until the Indian troops leave the area. Around 200 to 250 faithful pray there every

India accuses neighbouring Pakistan of arming and trianing the Muslim militants battling Indian rule. Islamabad denies the charge, but gives moral support to what it describes as a legitimate struggle for self-determination. Nearly 10,000 people have died in Kashmir, India's only

Muslim-majority state, since 1989 when the anti-Indian rebellion in the Himalayan territory turned violent.

Senate explores suicide of Clinton lawyer WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. Senate is kicking off its Whitewater hearings by exploring a topic that was taboo for the House: The suicide of White House lawyer Vincent Foster.

After opening statements Friday, the Senate Banking Committee is to hear from police and forensics experts seemly. who ruled that Mr. Foster who handled Whitewater legal matters for the president - took his own life.

Mr. Foster was found dead of a gunshot wound on July

20, 1993, in a Virginia park outside Washington.

Even though there was a bipartisan decision to review the matter. Republicans because of the attacks on the findings — face the greater danger of political backlash if the public thinks that consideration of this matter is un-

The House Banking Committee conducted its second Whitewater hearing Thursday. It produced little new information, but was extraordinary for the 10 top White House aides who sat together at the witness table.

Over a span of 12 hours, Republicans insinuated these top-echelon officials — and an earlier witness, former White House Counsel Bernard Nussbaum - acted improperly once they learned that President Bill Clinton's former land venture was under investigation.

Counselor to the president Mark McLarty summed up their response: "Nothing happened."

water authorities to begin rationing in May. It has also hit tourism and industry on this caribbean island 1,000 miles (1.600 kms) southeast of Miami. Puerto Rico has received only 64 per cent of its normal rainfall this year. The water level at the major reservoir that serves the San Juan area is more than 20 feet (9 meters) below capacity. Compounding the problem, the 31-year-old Carraizo Reservoir is so clogged with accumulated silt that it has only 35 per cent of its original capacity. Kok to form new Dutch government THE HAGUE (AFP) — Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands on Friday asked socialist Vice-Premier and Finance Minister Wim Kok to form a new government made up of the Labour

Party and two liberal parties, it was announced here. Mr. Kok, who had been asked by Queen Beatrix on July 6 to look into forming a new coalition, handed over his report to her Friday and was immediately told to go ahead. Following consultations with the country's four main political parties. the PvdA (Labour Party), the VVD (right wing liberals), D66 (left wing liberals) and the CDA (Christian Democrats) Mr. Kok proposed what he called a "violet" coalition comprising the PvdA, VDD and D66. Mr. Kok said the three parties were all willing to take part in a coalition

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World News

U.N.: Rwandan 'graph of death' goes down

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GOMA, Zaire (R) — The daily toll from cholera in the grammed Rwandan refugee camps of eastern Zaire is going down, the United Nations said Saturday.

But as the threat from choiera waned, dysentery was spreading and could pose an even greater danger, the French medical agency Medecins Sans Frontieres MSF — Doctors Without Broders) said.

The number of reported cases of cholera is continuing to rise but the percentage of deaths of reported cases is decreasing quite rapidly now," Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), told reporters. of cases will increase in the

death rate among the 1.2 million refugees around Goma declined in the past few days from as many as 1,800 per day to 1,200, with

Mr. Wilkinson and aid workers said the reason for the decline in deaths was that



A Rwandan mother suffering from cholera breast-feeds her child at the Katale refugee camp, north of the Zairean town of Goma (AFP photo)

"We estimate the number

next few days but the graph of death is going down," he Doctors estimated the

cholera the main killer, he

the cholera epidemic was

said: "The mortality rate for cholera when it is treated is one per cent while dysentery is seven per cent. Not as many have it as cholera but it is increasing."

Aid officials said five reported cases of meningitis in the camps this week were not

Citing the threat from dysentery, MSF spokes-

woman Samantha Bolton

yet a cause for alarm. Similarly the threat of cholera spreading across the border into Rwanda with refugees returning home was not yet a big problem.

doesn't mean... an epidemic. It's normal," said Kadri Tankari of the World Health Organisation. "There is cholera in Rwanda but it is not a major problem."

Mr. Wilkinson said the
UNHCR was stepping up

Tive cases of meningitis

efforts against a campaign of harassment and intimidation by thugs trying to stop refugees of Rwanda's Hutu majority from returning

"The majority of people are still not convinced it is safe to go back," he said. Supporters of the ousted Hutu government-in-exile in Zaire are roaming the camps, telling refugees that any who return will have their throats slit and bellies cut open by members of the victorious Tutsi-dominated Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF).

Journalists have been threatened and driven out of the camps by stone-throwingmen who accuse the media of siding with the RPF in its three-month war for control of the central African coun-

Hutu extremists have also handed out bundles of New Rwandan francs to their henchmen and former gov-ernment soldiers who fled the Tutsi-dominated rebels.

We realise these people

running its two-week course have been transmatised... but and conditions in the camps the degree of lies being the degree of lies being spread by these people is barassment," Mr. Wilkinson said. "I expect intimidation to increase as they lose their

constituency."
Some 2.7 million Rwandans fled to neighbouring countries to escape the rebels after more than 500,000 people, mostly from the minority Tutsi tribe and Hutu opponents of the government, were massacred by Hutu militiamen and government sol-

Mr. Wilkinson said the UNHCR was urging Zairean authorities to stop the coer-cion and U.N. field officers were going into the camps to explain to the refugees that the agency considered it safe for them to return to Rwan-

The UNHCR estimates that some 70,000 Rwandan refugees have returned across the border since it reopened a week ago, but expects a hard core of former officials and killers and their families to stay long after most return. U.S. President Bill Clinton

asked Congress Friday for an extra \$323 million for the Rwanda relief operation and is considering whether to create a base for U.S. troops in the Rwandan capital Kigali to lure refugees home.

France, which sent 2,500 troops last month to set up a safe zone for refugees in southwest Rwanda under a U.N. mandate; began pulling out its forces Friday despite appeals from aid agencies to

The United States will start sending up to 200 troops into Rwanda as early as this weekend to increase the number of aid flights into Kigali and to help distribute

supplies. But U.N. officials said operations were being severely hampered by a shortage of aircraft fuel that forced the cancellation of 14 flights Friclared the east of the country, swamped by 1.7 million Rwandan refugees, a disaster region.

A statement by Informa-tion Minister Masegabio Nzanzu said the government was setting up an emergency task force to monitor the situation in the border towns of Goma and Bukavu. The unit would include officials from the Health, Interior, Defence, Social Affairs, Transport and Foreign ministries, he said.

Struggling to cope with a chronic economic crisis, Zaire's government has admitted its inability to cope with the mass influx of refugees into its eastern Kivu It has largely handed the

problem to the international community, while calling for private donations and volunteers to work in Goma and

The Lebanese community, which dominates commerce in Zaire, has sent 40 tonnes of food to the refugees and U.S. oil company Chevron said Friday it was donating \$100,000 worth of fuel to non-governmental organisations flying in aid.
U.S. Defence Secretary

William Perry flew to Africa early Saturday for a personal look at the U.S. military effort to aid over a million Rwandan refugees who have fled to Zaire, Uganda and other countries.

Mr. Perry's plane left Andrews Air Force Base and was scheduled for brief refueling stops in Brussels to pick up U.S. Army General George Joulwan and in Cairo before arriving in Entebbe, Uganda, Sunday. Mr. Perry will meet with

U.S. military officials in Uganda and in the town of Goma. He will also briefly visit

Kigali before returning to A Rwandan volunteer lays bodies of Rwandan north of the Zairean town of Goma (AFP Uganda for talks with Presithe Katale refugee camp, some 60 kilometres dent Yoweri Museveni.



children, victims of cholera, on a stretcher at

against Bosnian Serbs **Powers to tighten sanctions**

GENEVA (R) - Foreign Ministers from the United States, Russia and the European Union agreed Saturday to move to tighten sanctions against rump Yugoslavia over the Bosnian Serbs' refusal to

approve a new peace plan. The ministers also agreed on "vigorous action" to prevent sanctions violations in the region but, according to a text of a joint declaration after a four-hour meeting, did not approve any immediate military action against the

Serbs. . But they warned that if the Serbs continued to stall over the plan — drawn up by a five-power contact group — the lifting of an arms embargo on former Yugoslavia in favour of Bosnia's Muslimled government "could be-

come unavoidable." The declaration said the ministers - with Britain, France and Germany representing the EU — "expressed their profound regret" that the Serbs had not accepted the peace plan.

They called on the Bosnian Serb leadership to urgently reconsider their response and to provide a clear acceptance of the contact

group proposal," it said.
The ministers also warned the Serbs "against any renewed effort to effect the strangulation of Sarajevo" and expressed commitment to strengthening and extending safe areas and exclusion

zones in Bosnia. The one contact group member seen as sympathetic to the Serb cause, Russia, reacted angrily to the Serbs' intransigence on the eve of the foreign ministers' meeting, accusing them of decep-

"We've done all we can for the Serbs... and they have not taken even half a step to reciprocate." Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev told Russian journalists on arrival in

He said Moscow had launched numerous initiatives on behalf of the Serbs and had sent Defence Minister Pavel Grachev on a special mission

PHNOM PENH (AFP) —

The government strongly

condemned the Khmer

strongly condemns the Klimer Rouge for their wan-

and barbarous attack on

this week, "but we feel essentially that we have been deceived. In any event, we see no movement whatsoever."

A member of the Serb to the possibility of having to leadership, Vice-President Biljana Plavsic, insisted that the Serbs' response to the peace plan had not been one [of defiance. "I cannot believe that

there are no sensible people in the contact group who cannot or will not understand that our declaration is not a war cry but an explanation of what we want, and all we want is what the other side got - our own state and its right to function," she said on Serbian radio.

The Bosnian Serbs' selfdeclared assembly turned down the plan Thursday for the second time this month, saying it was willing to negotiate further but reiterating demands for major amendments, including the right to secede from Bosnia. Bosnia's Muslims and Croats have reluctantly

approved the plan, which awards 51 per cent of Bosnia to their federation with the rest going to the Serbs, who hold about 70 per cent. British Foreign Secretary

Douglas Hurd called for tough action against the

"We have to give a firm response to the Serbs since they are ones who have rejected the plan and we have to prevent the reigniting and spreading of the war in Bosnia," he said.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said he was working to maintain unity with Russia and European allies whose differences over

"I think it's important that we maintain the unity of the contact group and more importantly, the progress that the contact group has achieved," he said.

European Union mediator Lord Owen said tougher sanctions and military measures may be used against the

"The Bosnian Serbs are showing an intransigence which is forcing the international community to face up

orted continued shelling on Muslim and Serb fronts across Bosnia over the past 24 hours.

Around the eastern Muslim enclave of Gorazde there were 35 ceasefire violations, some of them believed to be the result of Serb forces testing new assault rifles, U.N. spokesman Major Dacre Holloway said.

Another violation of the U.N.-imposed heavy weapons total exclusion zone around Gorazde was recorded at dawn Sunday, when a mortar was fired southwest of Gorazde town. The U.N. has been embarrassed by the discovery of a number of Serb heavy weapons within the zone in

In Sarajevo, snipers wounded two tram passengers Friday afternoon as civilians dodged bullets and French U.N. soldiers shot back at suspected Serb sniper

positions. U.N. officials held talks with Bosnian Serb leaders to try to persuade them to allow the reopening of main commercial route into the city, but left the meeting in Pale

empty-handed. Bosnian Serb soldiers believe they have called the West's bluff by rejecting the latest peace plan and are publicly playing down the possibility of any major military action against them by

thing spectacular, at least not in the immediate future," a senior Bosnian Serb army officer, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters.

He was speaking in Grbavica, in a shell-gutted house on the front line Miljacka River which divides the Muslim and Serb-held areas of

Punitive military measures against the Bosnian Serbs could include the expansion of weapons exclusion zones, strict enforcement of the nofly zone over Bosnia and the possible lifting of the arms embargo against the Mus-

The Serbs see this as direct involvement by NATO on the side of their rivals. But in public at least they do not seem too perturbed at the

> "Should the Muslims attack us, as they have done so countless times before, the Serbs will go on a counteroffensive and then there is no power in the world that will stop us," the Bosnian Serb officer said.

His leader, Radovan Karadzic, told the Bosnian Serb Assembly two weeks ago that if it rejected the peace plan, the Serbs would have to launch a decisive attack on the Muslims to defeat them once and for all.

He also said they would have to down as many NATO planes as possible and capture their pilots — an apparent reference to horrific television images of a U.S. flier being dragged through the streets by a mob in Somalia.
"If NATO gets involved,

then it had better prepare its public to welcome back their troops in plastic bags," the Bosnian Serb officer said. But the Serbs; aware that

their weaponry and air defence are no real match for sophisticated NATO equipment, are believed to be counting on being able to exploit differences among the major powers.

Ageing soldiers manning trenches at points only 20 lim foes on Mount Trebevic overlooking Sarajevo say they could not care less.

What are they threatening us with? With war? Well I got news for them, son - I have been waging a bloody. terrible war for two years now and more of it could not make much of a difference," a veteran said.

Scalfaro puts damper on Berlusconi plan

ROME (R) - Italian President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro has dented Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's efforts to distance himself from his vast business holdings so the tycoon-turned-politician can

Mr. Scalfaro, in a statement issued late Friday night. said that, while he appreciated Mr. Berlusconi's plan, constitutional restraints would probably prevent him from being its chief guaran-

On Friday morning, Mr. Berlusconi had announced the deal under which his interests in the Fininvest empire would be frozen. He proposed it after insistent opposition demands that he had to make a clean break with \$7 billion-a-year turnov-er group in order to avoid conflict of interest.

Mr. Berlusconi said he would submit a bill under which Mr. Scalfaro, the two speakers of parliament and anti-trust authorities would jointly appoint a committee to oversee Fininvest as long as Mr. Berlusconi, who was elected in a dramatic victory in a general election in March, remained in office.

But the presidential palace statement said that "it does not appear probable" that Mr. Scalfaro could be involved directly in naming members of such a commit-

It added that Mr. Scalfaro would wait three jurists appointed by the government to propose anti-trust and conflict-of-interest legislation

issued their report in the autumn before taking a stand on Mr. Berlusconi's propos-

It made clear Mr. Scalfaro believed the choice of the members of the committee almost certainly to fall on parliament. Mr. Berlusconi intends to

osed law to parliament, probably in September. The prime minister, who heads a 10-week-old conservative government, has not yet reacted to the pres-

flict of interest."

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"Scalfaro says stop to Ber-

bribes alleged to have been paid to financial authorities

Mr. Scalfaro expressed "the delicate problem of con-

Milan issued an arrest warrant for his brother Paolo,

appreciation for Mr. Berlusconi's decision to resolve what the president called

Some political commentators said the presidential atement was a defeat for Mr. Berlusconi because. although his proposal for the committee would most likely go forward, it would be less authoritative as Mr. Scalfaro would not be a guarantor.

hisconi," read a headline in the Milan daily Corriere De-lla Sera. "Scalfaro freezes Berlusconi's plans," the Ro-man daily Messaggero said. Some newspapers saw Mr. Scalfaro's move as another sign of what some commentators have called a scratchy relationship between the president and Mr. Berlusconi. But others, such as the Rome newspapers l'Informazione and l'Opinione, played down the significance of the trying to rise, phoenix-like,

Pressure on Mr. Berlusconi to break with Fininvest came to a head earlier in the week when anti-graft magistrates in

who runs part of the family business. Paolo turned himself in Friday to face charges in connection with a probe into

in return for lenient audits. Mr. Berlusconi, announcing plans to freeze his ties to the company it took him 30 years to build, told a news conference: "Now no one will be able to cast aspersions on the legitimacy of this gov-ernment." He added: "I intend to be governing for a

sector of enacting great re-Meanwhile, Rocco Buttiglione, a Catholic philosopher close to the Pope, was elected leader Saturday of the Popular Party (PPD), successor of the disgraced Christian Democrats (DC) who once dominated post-war Italian

long time... Italy needs a

government capable in every

politics. "This is a victory over an old logic that no longer exists, that of the old oligarchy of the party," Mr. Buttig-

lione said. But the narrow margin of his victory over former In-terior Minister Nicola Mancino, with only 56 per cent of delegates' votes, underscored divisions in the party which is

from the ashes of the DC. Mr. Buttiglione, 46, a leader of the right and centre of the party, wants to lead the PPI, currently part of the opposition, to closer relations with the conservative parties that make up the coalition of

Mr. Berlusconi. "Those who want to become part of the government have won," a distraught Mr. Mancino said, adding that the election could provoke a schism in the party.

But Franco Rocchetta, a leader of the Northern League which is one of the key parties in Mr. Berlusconi's coalition, welcomed Mr. Buttiglione's election.

"He is an intelligent and proper person, one you can deal with," Mr. Rocchetta

Supporters of Mr. Buttiglione want the party to make a clean break with the scandal-tainted past.

As he read his victory speech at a Rome hotel, his supporters chanted "De Mita out, De Mita out." Ciriaco De Mita, a former

party secretary who served as

prime minister in 1988-1989,

did not run for parliament in the March elections after party leaders told him he was too much as symbol of the past. The left wing of the party. led by Mr. Mancino and Mr. De Mita, favoured a pact with progressives including the ex-Communist Democra-tic Party of the Left, which lost to the Berlusconi-led Freedom Alliance in landmark general elections last

the big powers. "We do not expect anytactics could undermine the metres away from their Mus-LAGOS (R) — Nigeria's Congress and Nigerian worktical leadership for virtually peace plan. military government faced

more pressure Saturday after the country's biggest labour federation called a general strike to back a prodemocracy campaign. Workers in the oil industry, Nigeria's economic life

blood, launched the campaign four weeks ago with a crippling strike to demand the release of detained politician Moshood Abiola and a return to democratic rule. A general strike called by the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) from Wednes-

halt if it gets significant backing from the 3.5 million members of its 41 affiliated un-The NLC said Friday night its effors to persuade the military government to free Mr. Abiola and other politic-

al detainees had failed. "Consequently, in view of our conviction that an incusirial action has become inevitable, Congress calls on all its affiliates, state councils of ers to, as from Wednesday Aug. 3, 1994, embark on a sit-at-home protest action and await further directives," it said in a communique. The strike by the oil workers' unions NUPENG and

PENGASSAN to try to force

the release of Mr. Abiola,

undeclared winner of an

Fresh strike call puts pressure on Nigeria rulers

army-organised presidential elections in 1993, has disrupted domestic fuel supplies, transportation and normal business. Nigeria's worst crisis for decades deepened after Mr. Abiola, a wealthy southern

the crisis could degenerate into ethnic chaos as southern resentment grows at what political leaders there see as the determination of the

northern ruling elite to retain power. The mainly Muslim north has provided Nigeria's polithe entire period since independence from Britain in 1960. The predominantly Christian south wields economic power. The north-south divide was

at the root of the civil war over breakaway Biafra, in which more than a million people died in the late 1960s. Muslim and Christian communities have been holding round-the-clock prayer vigils for peace throughout the

NLC's President Pascal Bafyau told reporters Friday that if Abiola was freed before Wednesday, the congress' central Working Committee would meet to recon-

sider the strike call. Mr. Abiola is due to appear again in a court in the pland capital Abuja Tues-

On Thursday hundreds of his supporters clashed with police outside the courthouse, where at least one protester was killed and more than 100 were arrested.

Scattered anti-government protests have persisted, particularly in Mr. Abiola's Yoruba-speaking southwest, Nigeria's leading commercial

region.
The NLC communique said a 10-man delegation had met both military ruler General Sani Abacha and Mr. Abiola seeking a solution. The government had refused to respond positively to labour's demand that detainees be freed and closed media oreganisation

reopened, it added. Gen. Abacha hinted that his administration is ready to free Mr. Abiola on condition that he renounces his claim to the presidency.

But Mr. Abiola, backed by an alliance of politicians, retired generals and prodemocracy activists, has insisted on the validity of the election process which former military President Ibrahim Babangida, a northerner, annulled just as Mr. Abiola appeared to be headed for certain victory.

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the train," a government

statement said. A Khmer Rouge "rebel group" attacked the Phnom Penh-Sihanoukville train Tuesday as it was passing through southern Kampot

province. The guerrillas "looted all valuables and ordered the survivors off the train and marched them to the bush where they were held hostage," the statement said.
"This attack proves yet

again that the Khmer Rouge

have continued to commit

crimes against the Cambo-

dian people as well as foreign nationals," it said. "This... should amply justify the request for external

military assistance of the Royal Government of Cam-All but 30 Cambodian hostages had been freed, it said. But police officials quoted a report from the governor of

Kampot saying that only the three foreigners and three ethnic Vietnamese were still missing.
Police officials said they believed the three foreigners

— identified as Australian

Cambodia condemns barbarous train attack David John Wilson, 29, Briton Mark David Slater, 28, and French Jean Marie Braquet, 27 — were tourists. Their respective embas-

sies, however, have not con-

The Kampot report also

firmed their identities.

updated the casualty figures from the raid, saying that 13 people had been killed in the attack, including five soldiers, two train militia and six civilians, police said. Railway director Pich Kimsreang earlier said that the

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Foreign policy: In defence of Clinton's cautious line

By George McGovern

INNSBRUCK, Austria — The continuing criticism of U.S. President Bill Clinton for indecision in the conduct of foreign policy rests on the assumption that prompt, decisive action is a better course than delay and caution.

More often than is generally recognised, however, foreign policy has suffered from hurried judgments based on oversimplifications, inadequate information or lack of consideration for the consequences of intervention.

The Clinton administration's foreign policy is not beyond criticism. But simply calling for more "de-cisiveness" may make matters worse. Decisiveness is not a virtue if the decisions are wrong, nor is "indeci-sion" a failing if the course

ahead is not clear. It has not been obvious what should be done in the viòlence-racked former Yugoslavia or in parts of Africa, or in Korea or in Haiti — to say nothing of Iran, Iraq, Eastern Europe, China and the former Soviet Union. But the Clinton administration has not gone to war in any of these places. Perhaps that deserves a measure of appreciation.

It should not be assumed that decisive intervention abroad is always preferable to deferred judgment. Consider the following examples of "decisiveness" in the formation of U.S. foreign

policy:

— Three months into his

Desident administration, President John Kennedy ordered the invasion of Cuba at the Bay of Pigs. It is now difficult to recall a more ill-conceived idea or one so poorly plan-ned and executed. A little more ambivalence and deferred judgment could haveserved America well.

- President Lyndon

Johnson in August 1964 moved decisively to bomb Vietnamese naval facilities in the Gulf of Tonkin, allegedly in answer to unprovoked attacks on two American destroyers. This incident was used to secure quick congressional approval of a sweeping resolution that the administration later claimed represented a virtual declaration of war against North Vietnam. It was only later that the Gulf of Tonkin incident seemed to have been manufactured by the White. House as an excuse for the bombing attacks and the ill-advised

Tonkin resolution, which I

and perhaps most members of Congress came to regret

having supported. - President Ronald Reagan acted quickly and decisively in ordering troops into Grenada, supposedly to stop a Cuban or Soviet takeover. It later became apparent that there was no real prospect of a Soviet or Cuban threat to the island, nor to any possible American security interest. There are grounds for believing that the invasion of Grenada was ordered partly to take the spotlight off another "decisive" Reagan action, which had led to the deaths of more than 200 American marines in Lebanon a few

days before. - President George Bush acted quickly and decisively against Panama by bombing it and sending in 25,000 soldiers because of President Manuel Noriega's alleged drug operations, his criticisms of U.S. policy and his possible threat to the Panama Canal. It has never been clear that this military action was justified.

Today's complicated post-cold war world calls not so much for snap judgments in foreign policy as for painstaking long-range efforts to deal with intractbuilding of a more effective international collectivesecurity capability (perhaps a U.N. police force and a strengthened world court); the reduction and control of armaments: the discipline

able global issues: the

of population growth; the protection of the environment; the repatriation or relocation of refugees; the alleviation of poverty, disease and illiteracy; and the establishment of constructive trade and investment policies. The Clinton administration is at least partially

attuned to these fundamental, long-range considerations; it was probably elected in 1992 partly because it understood that a strong economy and a healthy society are the pre-conditions for American influence and leadership in the Like most Americans, I

am distressed when I see on television Serbian shells being lobbed into the cities of Bosnia, or Haitian refugees trying to flee from their military dictators, or the people of Rwanda slaughtering one another. I suspect that no one is more anguished over these awful events than Bill Clinton. But an American president must look beyond his

anguish to the complexities of situations and to the limitations of U.S. power and responsibility.

I do not blame the president for believing that his first order of business is to deal with the guns and gangs of America before he goes after guns and gangs abroad. Neither do I blame him for resisting the implied suggestion of some of America's affluent allies who have long had universal health care that the United States defer such benefits for Americans in order to take the lead (and pay the costs) in settling other people's political and military affairs.

Recently, there was an especially ominous tone in the words of some commentators about the alleged danger posed by North Korea. Every day someone suggested that America must intervene to check a possible threat from Pyongyang. The visit of former President Jimmy Carter with Kim II Sung seems to have quieted some of the interventionist talk.

It is difficult to imagine a more disastrous mistake than another American war in Korea. Nor would such a bloody costly venture hold public support.

Instead of backing into a corner where another war awaits, the United States should clearly offer to North Korea — if it agrees to abandon nuclear arms diplomatic recognition, trade and modest international assistance.

And if Pyongyang gives proper assurances against further nuclear development, America should, at last, phase out its troops from South Korea. The South is fully capable of defending itself. The United States could back up such a defence by naval and air power off shore.

Let's not rush to war in Korea or Haiti or anywhere else simple to avoid "indecision." It is worth noting that the last time an American president intervened in Haiti to restore democracy and order, U.S. marines stayed for 19 years, with no apparent improvement in Haitian democracy.

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By Dusan Stojanovic The Associated Press

BELGRADE - Bosnian Serbs hope that by rejecting an international peace plan they can drive a wedge between Russia and the West and retain most of the territory they now control.

But their latest attempt to test international resolve to end the bloody war in Bosnia could in fact escalate Europe's worst postwar conflict, engulfing other countries in the region.

Once international consensus collapses, Bosnian Serbs believe Radovan Karadzic and other Serb leaders will be in a better bargaining position to achieve a more advantageous peace deal.

Negotiators of the contact group comprised of the United States, Britain, Germany, France and Russia have described the plan as

the last chance for peace. But Bosnian Serb leaders, who have rejected all international proposals to date, do not seem to mind, even if this entails "a battle for life and death," as Mr. Karadzic pointed out.

The latest plan envisages the Muslim-Croat federation and Serb-controlled Bosnia joined in a confederation with existing borders under a central government.

That would thwart Serb ambitions to unite with Serb-held parts of Croatia and Serbia proper, the main component of what remains of Yugoslavia, in a "Greater Serbia."

Even before his selfstyled Bosnian Serb assembly gave their inconclusive response, Mr. Karadzic said the map was unacceptable. It calls for Serbs to give up 21 per cent of the 70 per cent of Bosnian territory they now control.

What infuriates the Serbs even more is a provision of the plan that narrows a key northern corridor so that it could easily be attacked and occupied by Muslim forces. The latest map would also cut their territory into three enclaves Serbs say are not

Serb nationalists, who still harbour dreams of uni-



Bosnian Serbs seek to drive wedge between Russians and the West

fying all Serb-population lands in former Yugoslavia, called the latest Bosnian Serb manoeuvre a brilliant move that would certainly disrupt the shaky alliance between the United States, which supports the Muslims, and Russia, a longtime ally.

Russian comments on the

Serbs' response indeed

Russian envoy Alexei

Nikiforov went alongwith his

U.S. and European col-

leagues on the five-nation

group in Geneva in dismis-

sing the Bosnian Serbs'

answer to their proposed

map Wednesday.

have been ambiguous.

But in Moscow, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev voiced support for Russia's traditional allies.

ment (in the Serb's stance)," Mr. Kozyrev told Russian Independent Television. He said the Serbs had the right to consider all elements of a peace package and not just the map. Some opposition leaders

in Serbia said Bosnian Serbs were again pulling the world by its nose. "The Bosnian Serb leadership is ridiculing the whole world," said Vuk

There is a positive ele-

valid." he said. "By playing a chess game against the world, they are playing with the destiny of the whole Serbian nation." he said.

Draskovic, the leader of Serbia's largest opposition

Serbian Renewal Party.

A day after the Serbs failed to give a positive re-sponse, Bosnia's Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic suggested the Sarajevo government was no longer obligated to abide by its deciattacks. sion to accept the peace

deal.
"Our unconditional agreement has ceased to be

The Sarajevo government's ultimate goal is to be allowed to buy weapons

powers, the United States has supported the idea, and it is generally agreed that this would force U.N. peacekeepers to withdraw rather than risk Serb

A full-scale war would almost certainly lead to the withdrawal of U.N. peacekeepers from Bosnia and greater Western military involvement in the most

volatile region of Europe. U.S. Defence Secretary William Perry warned this week that if the peace plan was rejected, the Bosnian war could spill over to other

"I believe and I fear it will be a more intense conflict with an increased danger of that conflict spreading," Mr. Perry said during a visit to Bulgaria.

Before he went to Geneva, Mr. Karadzic himself called on his people to brace for all-out war.

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Berlusconi scandal decree — behind the uproar

By Daniel J. Wakin The Associated Press

ROME — Jailing suspects accused of non-violent crimes when trial could be months or years away might seem unduly harsh, even a violation of civil liberties.

But rather than being hailed for doing away with just such pre-trial detention, Premier Silvio Berlusconi's decree last week unleashed a political uproar, divided the cabinet and led to talk the government might fall.

What caused the stir was the decree's inclusion of Italy's highest-profile detainees: hundreds of politicians in iail on charges connected with the "tangentopoli" (kickback

city) scandal. Since the scandal broke in February 1992, prosecutors have implicated more than

3,000 political and business figures. The cases laid bare systemic corruption that for decades let politicians feast on billions of dollars at the public trough. The news brought on a sort of national fury, and Mr. Berlusconi rode the public outrage to power in last March's elec-

tions. Now, the decree is allowing many of them to walk out of prison.

Mr. Berlusconi, citing international criticism, said it was unfair to jail white-collar suspects before trial in a legal system where cases can drag on for years.
The Justice Ministry said

Sunday 124 corruption suspects have been released, including some of the most notorious. The ministry said 1,165 suspects in all have been freed. More than 60 per

cent of the nation's 56,000 inmates are awaiting judgment, it added.

The question of civil liberties is not the most obvious point in a country where so many crimes go unsolved and corrupt officials reigned with impunity for so long. "Behind this matter are

serious problems in the Italian justice system," said Alberto Abruzzese, a socioiogy professor at Rome Uni-

Only a small number of poiticians charged in 'tangentopoli' have been convicted, but prosecutors sent hundreds to jail under the pre-trial detention law. Italy has no system of bail.
The law allowed detention

for those considered a risk to flee, tamper with evidence or go on with their crimes. In effect, prosecutors used the jailings as tools to induce the defendants to give evidence. Critics suggest Mr. Berlusconi has other motives in striking the law.

"The government's objective was to disarm prosecutor's offices." Editor Eugenio Scalfari commented Sunday in the left-leaning Rome newspaper La Repubblica, Mr. Scalfari's implication was that Mr. Berlusconi was trying to protect his friends.

The decree came less than a week after a court indicted Mr. Berlusconi's brother, Paolo, on corruption charges involving pension funds. Prosecutors also have been investigating members of the premier's corporate empire, Fininvest.

The decree also means prosecutors can't extradite from Tunisia former Premier Bettino Craxi, who is wanted on a raft of corruption charges. Mr. Craci and Mr. Berlusconi were friends in the 1980s, and the then-Socialist premier was credited with helping the industrialist build his television empire.

Mr. Scalfari asked rhetorically: Would Mr. Craxi have spilled the beans about Berlusconi if extradited.

The way Mr. Berlusconi went about the reform imposing a decree rather than introducing a bill in parliament — also raised eyebrows. Parliament reviews de-

crees after three months. Until jumping into politics this year, Mr. Berlusconi was a highly successful corporate titan used to making single-minded decisions. That approach doesn't work so well in politics.

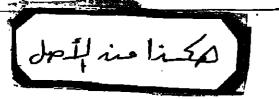
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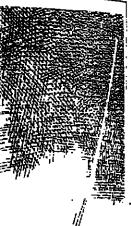
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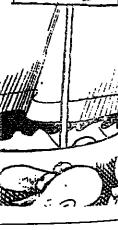
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By G. H. Jansen

History provides ample explanation why a huge wave of people is surging out of Rwanda and threatening to sweep over and swamp and "drowa" the next door neighbours. Around a million persons are involved. The numbers are explained by the fact that Rwanda and. its twin territory Burundi (for long known as Rwanda Urundi) are the most densely populated areas in Africa. And this demogra-phy in turn was the product of the area's topography. neither desert nor tropical forest but high, open, hilly country sustaining agriculture and the raising of

Which led to a feudal social system based on a racial divide: the peasants and herdsmen, eighty-five per cent of the population, belonged to the Hutu tribe, short, stocky and Negroid. The landowners were Tutsis, tall and sometimes very tall, lighter skinned and with fine Hamitic features. The Tutsis or Watusi migrated into the area four to five centuries ago and be-came the feudal overlords of the down-trodden Hutu

When the Kaiser's Germany appropriated the area during the imperialist carve-up of Africa at the end of the last century, it retained the feudal structure because it was convenient to rule through existing rulers; and the Belgians did the same when they succeeded the defe-. ated Germans in 1919. The Belgians, who were trustees of the League of Nations and then the United Nations, were so paternalistic that they kept the whole country under curfew for years on end and not because of unrest but, as they thought, because it was good for the inhabitants to



An elderly Rwandan man hit by cholera sits next to hundreds of dead bodies in a refugee camp, north of Goma (AFP pincto)

A land where angels fear to tread

go to bed early. It was only in 1959-60 that the Hutus in Rwanda challenged Tutsi domination so that when independence came in 1962, and with it democracy, the Hutu majority in Rwanda displaced the Tutsi ruling minority, killing 100,000 of them in the process. In Recept in 1977, the cess. In Burundi in 1972 the opposite happened, the Tutsis being better placed

there because they controlled the army through Tutsi officers.

They decided to "solve" their Hutu problem by eliminating Hutus - to massacre every Hutu with education, a government job or money. In three months in Burundi more than 200,000 Hutus were slaughtered, without benefit of bullet. So when the

world today expresses horror at the massacre of half a million Tutsis by the Hutu militia, it is being both naive and ill-informed because mass killings are, as we have seen, a well-established practice in Central Africa, and the Hutus are motivated by not decades but centuries of persecution and oppression. Which explains but does not excuse

the killings. To take sides in such a situation is a foolish business because today's killers are yesterday's victims and vice-versa.

The present cycle of violence began on April 6 when the presidents of both Rwanda (a Hutu) and of Burundi were killed in a mysterious air crash, widely believed to be an assassination plot. In revenge for the

killing of "their" president Hutu militia in Rwanda began killing Tutsis. At this point the problem of the Tutsis in Rwanda seemed to have been solved because after the post-assassination killings there were said to be few Tutsis left in Rwanda. That would have been a final solution, which, in a way, was all very well and good. But then jest at that

point a new and complicating factor came on the scene from Uganda. This was the Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) which, just to confuse matters, is orga-nised and led by Tutsis who fied into Uganda in the 1900s and 1970s but many of whose soldiers are Hutus, "moderate Hutus", it is said.

Though this is a well

and there are a lot of them in Rwanda — flee before them. And since the RPF has moved north to south right across the country, most of the population of northern and central Rwanda, in a huge human wave, is now backed-up against the frontier with Zaire or is just over it inside Zaire around the town of Goma. The commander of the RPF, a Tutsi, has promised a ceasefire after the victory he has achieved. He has appointed Hutus as both president and vice president in what he hopes will become a government of national unity. But will he and his Tutsi officers be believed by the Hutu population, which is now

and despite all their fine It is difficult enough to try and explain the Rwandan situation - with Hutus chasing Tutsis and Tutsis chasing Hutus — but dealing with it, especially by outsiders, is unimaginable. Yet the French, rushing in where Angels fear to tread, have created a "safe haven' in south-western Rwanda. Will they defend it if it is attacked by the RPF or by Hutu militias, or would the attackers be Tutsis?

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masters and former rulers,

The only sure and lasting solution for Rwanda has to be based on Hutu and Tutsi trust in each other. The RPF; is attempting to achieve that but the history of Rwanda does not encourage such a possibility.

World's biggest flood of refugees seeks peace

Agence France Presse

METANGULA, Mozambi-- By train, bus, boat and bicycle the world's biggest flood of returning reingees is making its way back to the world's poorest country for Mozambique's first elections after decades of

Along with villagers who remained in the country, they are unanimous on what the hope to achieve from the unprecedented experience of voting: "Peace."

"I'm very happy to be back," said Mohammad Adam, 68, who fled with his two young children by dugout canoe across Lake Malawi in 1983 as attacks by rebels of the Mozambique National Resistance (RENAMO) drew closer to his village.

"I want to vote and choose a president and have peace." He was picked up from Likoma Island off the Mozambican shore and taken the rest of the 80 kilometres across the Great Rift Valley lake to Malawi by boat.

After years in a refugee camp at Nkhata Bay, he recently returned to this village on the lakeshore of northern Niassa province in a boatlift

organised by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. The UNHCR says the re-patriation of some 1.7 million Mozambican refugees from neighbouring countries is the biggest such operation it has ever handled - dwarfing the 390,000 who returned to Cambodia.

It is trying to get most of them back in time for elections scheduled for October in the wake of a peace agreement signed by the govern-ment and RENAMO in

Rome in October 1992. The two sides fought a 16-year civil war hard on the beels of an anti-colonial struggle against Portugal which ended in independence in 1975, bringing to power the then-Marxist Front for the Liberation of Mozambi-

que (FRELIMO). There are few signs of the approaching elections in Metangula, apart from a group of girls dancing to a lythmic drumbeat in the shade of a spreading tree near the white sand of the lakeshore, singing the praises of President Joaquim Chissa-

But consciousness of the elections is strong in a country emerging from repressive

no in preparation for a com-

By Lawrence Bartlett colonialism and nearly 20 years of one-party rule. Asked how he would vote, Mohammad Adam pointed out firmly that his choice was

a secret which he was entitled to keep to himself. Voter education in a country which has never before. had an election is carried out along with registration by mobile brigades in even the most remote areas of this

tion of some 15 million people. In the village of Makasangilo some 40 kilometres east of Lichinga, capital of Niassa province, a mud hut sports a bright banner proclaiming it a

huge southeast African na-

temporary voter-registration Although not far from the capital, the village lies in the middle of a vast plain ringed by distant mountains and can be reached only down a

rough track through grass twice the height of a man. Outside the hut, villagers line up at a roughly-hewn wooden table to present identity documents, some dating from the colonial era and worn almost to illegi-

If they have no documents, two witnesses have to vouch. for them before their picture is taken with a Polaroid camera and they are presented with a voter registration card.

Isaac Matrese, 27, a village teacher, told AFP he was very happy because it is the first time in my life I have registered to vote and the first time in my life I have known peace.

"The people have been living in fear. Now it is peace that is most important and I hope the elections will help peace continue."

Pressed on what else he hoped for from the elections. he said: "Later we would like to improve health and education and have a grinding mill, but basically it is peace we want.

Theresa Asima, who is not sure of her age but is the mother of three young children, also said she wanted peace and appeared surprised at the idea that she could wish for the vote to change anything more in her hard

The World Bank calls Mozambique the world's poorest country in terms of per capita GDP, and the World Programme (WFP) has this year been helping to feed around 1.9 million peo-



Ernesto Zedillo (left), coordinator of the political campaign of Luis Colosio for the Mexican presidency helps carry his caske! March 24. Colosio was assassinated at a campaign

rally and Zedillo is considered to be one of the front-runners for the candidacy of president (AFP photo)

Suspicions linger in Mexico over presidential hopeful's murder

By Eduardo Garcia Agui-Agency France Presse

MEXICO CITY — With Mexico's presidential election set for next month, the March murder of ruling party candidate Luis Donaldo Colosio remains a source of shadowy conspiracy theories and bitter controversy.

Miguel Montes, the special prosecutor investigating Colosio's killing, announced Tuesday he had wrapped up his investigation and found that Mario Aburto, 23, acted alone when he shot Colosio on March 23 after a campaign rally in the northern border city of Tijuana.

In doing so, Mr. Montes rejected his own early hypothesis that Colosio had been the victim of a plot and that Aburto had been aided by bodyguards whom the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) hired as security

for the event. The PRI, which has ruled Mexico since 1929, and five

other parties represented in

the Chamber of Deputies re-

jected Mr. Montes' final conclusion as unacceptable. Several deputies alleged that a cover-up was in place.

Rumours have flown since shortly after Colosio's killing that an old guard in the PRI opposed to democratic reform had been behind the shooting. The theory is widely believed in Mexico though no real proof has surfaced to support it.

But videotapes made by police and amateur photographers have appeared to show at least five former policemen hired as security helping Mr. Aburto get near the candidate. All were imprisoned for a time, and three remain in jail with their lawyers pressing for their re-

The Mexican press and some international reports have hammered on the numerous contradictions or inconsistencies in the case, especially the trajectory of the two bullets fired by the assassin or assassins and their

calibers. Witnesses have given con-

tradictory accounts of what

happened, there has been talk of a mysterious, politically conservative group of former police recruited for the rally called "Tucan," and questions about the actions of Colosio's top staffers at the

In the end, Mexican media treated Mr. Montes' final report with scorn, using such words as "cover-up," "man-ipulation" and "scandal."

Even Colosio's replacement as the PRI's presidential contender, his former campaign manager Ernesto Zedillo, announced Wednesday that the PRI would name a commission of experts to pursue its own inquiry.

But that sounds similar to a 'Commission of Citizens' named by President Carlos Salinas that was made up of non-partisans such as journalists and lawyers.

The panel spectacularly dissolved itself shortly after it was formed, complaining bitterly that it had not been given access to information from the official inquiry and could not do its job.

A legislative commission

was then created, but it was later quietly disbanded without any official release of information concerning what it had done.

Diego Fernandez de Cevailos, the conservative National Action Party's presidential candidate for the August 21 vote, has described Mr. Montes' report as "harmful to public opinion."

And the press has been running stories on other tragedies for which official and government explanations are widely dispelieved.

There was the killing of Guadalajara archbishop Cardinal Juan Jesus Posadas, who authorities say was shot to death during a confrontation between rival drug gangs in May 1993; the assassination of journalist Manuel Buendia in 1984 and what has been described as an "erroneous" shootout between the army and judicial police in November 1991 in the state of Veracruz that left

seven dead. The drug traffickers they were pursuing managed to

Multiple cultures, pluralist development

By Yoro K. Fall

THE INCREASINGLY ca. coupled with recent (global?) changes that the continent is generally forced to submit to, impose a new look at the link between culture and development there.

African societies have integrated a good many "modern" ideas and practices into their daily existence, their aspirations, their vision of the world and even into their languages. This reflects both the power of the dominant models of development and the diversity of the institutions that promote them, as much as the intrinsic openess of African societies to external influences. The desire for modernity is clearly manifest at state level, within national and international organisms. citizens associations and collective institutions, and at all levels of society.

This is why the most successful development expersisting are characterised by a conjunction of external promopting and internal momentum. Private, public or family-run enterpris the popular savings and credit systems known as "tontines", and even the more elaborate forms of industrial activity. for example, are strongly marked by cultural practices that ensure an equitable distribution of goods produced. The obligatory solidarity. community conscience and even the weight of kinship makes itself felt not only among the working classes of big cities, but also amongst the managerial sector... through recruitment procedures, the management of goods as well as human resources, in arbitration and the solutions reached to in-

dustrial disputes. Whence, even in the most successful development experiences, the periences contradiction between the demands of competition and competitiveness, profitability or productivity that mark western socities and the traditional African tendencies of egalitarianism in the allocation of the means of production and the widespread distribution of

consumer goods and profit. Using the same logic, most of African conflicts can be explained by the cultural and social repercussions of illconceived development: by the extreme sensitivity to the inequalities between different social levels or ethnic groups that this engenders. This is further aggravated by the political manipulation of

these differences. These conflicts almost always reflect as. much the ravages of exclusion and marginalisation as the disfunction of social In such a context, structu-

ral adjustment policies, and cuts in social investment only accentuate the ancient cleavages as well as the new ones, and multiply frustration. It could be considered that the exacerbation of political and social struggles in Africa today is an expression of the antagonism between the constraints imposed by the inequality of economic relations and the aspiration to develop-in the broadest sense of

the word. This aspiration is part of African tradition, and is particularly intense among the new cultural and social forces-women and youth. who make up the vast majority of the population. At the same time it generates a dynamic from which no sector of the society is spared.

However, the continent is not one. The countries of black Africa are characterised by the cultural diversity and therefore the diversity of their traditions. Social diversity, cultural diversity: these two factors are the crux of any discussion on the perspectives for the Africa of the 21st century. This at a time when African societies are confronted by the challenges of social justice, rational management of the environment and the balance that must be struck between demographic growth and production.

It would seem that now and in the future development, like culture, must be both plural and pluralist. From now on, when speaking of Africa, it would be wiser to talk of cultures and styles of development, with each society creating its own path according to its own rapport between cultural and development.

This alternative approach, which treats each culture with equal dignity, both conserves and enriches human heritage by offering to all the means to participate in cultural production and to express their capacity for creation and progress.

Without doubt, we run the risk of losing the comfort and the mental habits of uniformity.

The writer is a Senegalese historian and member of the World Commission on Culture and Development. This article is reprinted from the magazine UNESCO Sources.

Economy drive — Kuwait-style

FUVATE (R) — Kuwaitis, who enjoy one of the world's most corerous state welfare systems, will no longer be allowed the luxury of leaving their air conditioners going while on holiday abroad and expeding the state to pay the

So said Kuwaiti Finance Minister Nasser Al Rodhan in outlining plans to intro-duce charges for state services that are now free or heavily subsidised in the oilproducing emirate.

Sheikh Rodhan told Al

October a list of state services to curb the budget deficit. "I cannot imagine how a family could travel abroad leaving its airconditioning devices working in the house to preserve the plants... those families ought to shoulder the expensive price for that," Sheikh Rodhan said.

Excessive use of electricity, which is subsidised will have to be paid for. Moreover, Kuwaitis can no longer expect guaranteed

state jobs. "The state, no matter how Seyassah newspaper Satur- large its financial capacities day he would announce in and regardless of its financial situation, cannot absorb all of 50 per cent by the year 2000 unless the state subsidies systhe national labour." Sheikh Rodhan seaid. tem was reformed. Telephone charges are also

The budget proposed for the 1994/95 fiscal year from expected to go up for households with more than one July 1 would produce a deficit of 1.8 billion dinars (\$6.2 It was not immediately billion) compared to a proclear if the plan included introduction of charges for jected deficit in 1993/94 of 1.22 billion (\$4.1 billion). health services, presently free

Sheikh Rodhan told parliament last week that among other proposals being studied was imposition of income tax. Gulf war-related expenses, including repair of oilfields tee said recently the budget cost Kuwait more than \$30

Rays of growth shine on European vacationers

PARIS (AFP) - Europeans will return from summer holi-

Britain is expecting growth this year of about 2.75 per

announced, but yet to show in Britain and France,

of strong surge in activity, is the future of long-term in-

production and the strength of the mark.

"boom and bust" cycle.

ficits must be reduced to avert an increase in interest

grown by 0.9 per cent in the second quarter from the figure for the first quarter in the strongest quarterly performance on record. It had also grown by 3.3

The government recently pected growth this year to 2.75 per cent from 2.5 per

At the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce economist David Coleman said that the target was now realistic.

prevent the economy from boom and bust. In the last 12 months in-

Official figures published in France showed that French manufactured output had increased by 2.2 per cent in May from the figure in April. The total amount of output has not yet recovered to the

amount before the recession

India announces stern steps to reform loss- making state firms

NEW DELHI (R) — Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao Saturday announced stern steps to reform loss-making state firms. telling them to employ fewer workers and modernise their technologies, officials said.

They quoted him as telling chief executives of state companies as saying the government would cut budgetary support to them.

Mr. Rao told them not to rely on "spoon-feeding" two weeks after he told a Congress Party rally state-run companies would have to perform or close.

Labour Minister Purno Sangma told the meeting that wage rises would be possible only if the number of workers shrank. "Wage revision should not impact in terms of increased unit cost of labour," he said, adding the government would not yield. The entire wage structure has to be linked to productiv-

Public sector reforms are considered a tough political challenge for Mr. Rao, who launched a radical economic reform programme in 1991. Surplus labour is a major issue in the companies, which have highly-organised labour

unions, Pranab Mukherjee, head of the government's Planning Commission, said state companies would have to fend for themselves by raising more funds from the market. "A substantial portion of

disinvestment should be reinvested in modernisation," he said. "If reform has one message, it is improvement of efficiency down the line." The government has begun

selling off minority stakes in some state-run companies as part of a partial privatisation DFO2T2mme Some 104 of India's 237

state companies lost 40 billion rapees (\$1.3 billion) in the 1992/93 (April-March) financial year.

Cumulative investments of ,400 billion rupees (\$44 billion) yielded a post-tax profit of just 34 billion rupees (\$1

billion) in 1992/93. The chief executives wanted more autonomy for managers and less bureaucratic interference, which they said was necessary to make state companies perform bet-

"Once capital outlays are approved for an enterprise. the raising of money from domestic resources could be left to these enterprises within the framework of the companies act," said Rajinder Singh, chairman of the National Thermal Power

Corporation (NTPC).
Mr. Singh accepted closure of unviable companies as inevitable. "The loss-making public sector enterprises will face closure if no feasible restructuring scheme to make it viable is devised," he said. S.K. Chowdhury, chief of Coal India Limited, said state companies must be allowed to hire labour on contract. which is not allowed at present. He wanted wages to be linked to the performance of

French aid to Africa to favour growth, jobs

ABIDJAN (R) — French
Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said Friday that his
International Monetary Fund country's aid to west and central Africa would go in future to projects to create jobs and ensure long term

"The normal role of donors is not to subsidise state budgets. The crisis had led us in this unfortunate direction. I would like French aid in future to priorities financing of projects that ensure long term growth and create jobs," he said in a speech to Ivorian business

The 13 west and central African members of the CFA franc zone devalued their currency by 50 per cent on Jan. 12, sending shockwaves through countries accustomed to the same parity stace 1948.

For years, France stepped in to pay salaries of striking civil servants in countries Hadee economies were paraigned by the high value of the The france or came up with World Bank arrears at the ize: minute to save them from SESTERSION.

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types of privatisation until

parliament reassembles in

September and decides which

properties must remain in the

Cate Property Fund, which

oversees privatisation, must

"stop the conclusion of

agreements as to buying and

The resolution said the

Deputies voted 180 to 62

told the chamber.

We have to put an end to i-netional, criminal priva-

inaned up the system.

and started reforming their

economies. Mr. Balladur said CFA countries must move away from dependence on aid and work to encourage private sector investment and greater integration with each other.

"Beyond this effort of economic recovery, you must also continue towards regional integration and the search for private investment." he said. "Much remains to be done but I am confident in the economic future of the franc zone countries.'

Mr. Balladur said the French development bank, the Caisse Franchise de Developement, would make available an extra 1.5 billion French francs (\$276 million) in 1995 for investment financ-

Mr. Balladur promised French support to guarantee regional financing to put to work some of the CFA that have flooded back into the region's banks since devalua-

The west and central Africa CFA regions have pledged to work towards greater integration of their diverse economies into two blocs.

It ordered the government

to draw up a list of enter-

prises that were not to be

privatised "because of their

national significance" - to

include companies in the

transport, energy, and com-

The 19-point resolution

called for more state control

over the privatisation pro-

cess, including regular re-

ports to parliament from the

prosecutor-general, police

It included a vote of no-

confidence in the head of the

State Property Fund, and

ordered the mechanism by

which foreign investors par-

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Exraine's parliament puts ban on privatisation

Filipino investments abroad surge 864%

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MANILA (AFP) — Investments by Filipinos in other countries rose by 864 per cent in 1993 due to the liberalisation of foreign exchange regulations, the Philippine Central Bank statistics office has

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Outward investments from the Philippines, both in stock portfolios and in capital, amounted to \$1.167 billion in 1993 compared to \$121 million in 1992, the Central Bank said

This was attributed to the government's decision in September, 1992, to allow Filipinos to invest as much as \$1 million overseas without central bank

Portfolio investments abroad reached \$1.061 billion while capital investments reached \$106 million in 1993 compared to \$115 million in portfolio and \$16 million in capital investments abroad in The bulk of Filipino invest-

ment overseas went to the United States which received \$667 million in portfolio investments and \$6.19 million in capital investments. In contrast, foreign invest-

dent Leonid Kuchma to in-

troduce market reforms to

boost Ukraine's collapsing

economy. Mr. Kuchma this

week met International

Monetary Fund (IMF) chief

Michel Camdessus, who

promised the IMF would

work with the Ukrainian

leadership on an economic

reform programme that could

open the way for \$4 billion in-promised Western aid.

efforts have barely started

more than 2-1/2 years after the

collapse of the former Soviet

Union, lagging far behind neighbouring Russia.

said the resolution was a blow

to market reforms and would

hurt vital industries which

need domestic and foreign

investment to survive. In-

dustrial output in Ukraine

Reform-oriented deputies

Ukraine's privatisation

went into portfolio invest-ments and \$334 million went into capital investments. The United States was the

main source of this capital. bringing in \$1.49 billion. Meanwhile, Philippine export earnings for the first five months of 1994 climbed 16.1 per cent on a yearly basis to \$4.96 billion despite the

stronger peso. Export receipts for the month of May likewise rose 16.1 per cent over the same period in 1993 to \$150.35 million and exceeded the previous month's level by 13.1 per cent.

The National Statistics Office did not give figures for imports, but these have traditionally outsprinted exports. The cumulative trade deficit stood at \$2.477 billion by end-April, up 28.8 per cent over the comparable period in 1993.

Electronics and components continued to be the country's leading products, accounting for 25.4 per cent of total exports in May. This was followed by apparel and clothing accessories with 19.4 per cent.

The United States rements in the Philippines amounted to \$2.59 billion in mained the country's biggest 1993, of which \$2.257 billion market.

declined 36 per cent in the first half of 1994 compared to

the same period last year.

munists in parliament don't

have some great model in mind for privatisation. They

simply want to restrict and

stop this process," said

Volodymyr Lanovy, an eco-

nomist and former deputy

Ukraine's international au-

thority still lower. Most of

the parliament wants

Ukraine to be isolated behind

But parliament chairman

a fence, to create a commun-

Olexander Moroz, a socialist,

said the resolution did not

mean the end of privatisa-

tion, simply a means to inject

some order into an unclear

ist_heaven," he added.

"This act has pushed

prime minister.

system.

"The socialists and com-

days in a month's time to find that rays of strong economic growth have risen over their three main economies, in Germany, Britain and France, according to the latest figures.

cent, France 2.0 per cent and Germany more than 1.5 per cent, statistics have showed. The green shoots of recovery have long been

although in Germany they have burst through with astonishing speed. The main unknown quantiv. and threat to continuation

terest rates. Each country, too, has its own particular weakness. In Germany it is the high cost of

In Britain the threat in past recoveries has come from a propensity to import for consumption, resulting in a

In France unemployment is high, and Prime Minister Bal-ladur warned that public de-

In Britain official figures showed that the economy had

per cent from the figure for the quarter of last year, exceeding a growth rate of 3.0 per cent for the first time since the first quarter of 1989. increased its figure for ex-

cent forecast initially.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Kenneth Clarke commented that he wanted to falling again into a cycle of

dustrial output had risen by 4.5 per cent, retail sales had risen by 4.0 per cent and exports by 9.0 per cent while the number of people without work had fallen by 270,000.

Cash, manpower shortages hamper Iran's gas sector

TEHRAN (R) — Lack of funds and shortage of skilled manpower hampered Iran's gas industry, causing it to fall short of targets set in its five-year plan ended March 20, Iran's top gas official was quoted as saying Thursday. Asadollah Salehiforuz,

head of the National Iranian Gas Co., was quoted by Resalat newspaper as saying shortage of funds had delayed a major project to complete the gas network in the

capital.
"On the average, about 80 per cent of the goals of the first plan in the gas sector were realised," he said, citing cash and skilled manpower shortages and a new regulation requiring the company to buy some of the land along pipeline routes. Mr. Salehiforuz listed the

number of power plants con-verted to gas and households hooked up to the gas network. among the areas which lag-ged behind target.

Over the past five years Iran's daily gas refining en to 95 mil lion cubic metres (3.36 billion cubic feet) from 28 million (989 million cubic feet), he

It would increase by a further 60 million cubic metres (2.12 billion cubic feet) when the Vali-e Asr refinery at Kangan near the Gulf coast came on stream by

the end of 1994, he added. Daily gas production in the last Iranian year ended on March 20 averaged 82.3 million cubic metres (2.91 billion cubic feet), but it could rise by up to 50 per cent during periods of peak consumption,

he said. The report did not mention gas exports, which are minimal despite the fact that Iran has the world's second biggest reserves after Russia: Iran has set up a consor-

tium with several major European gas companies to study multi-billion-dollar plans to ship or pipe natural gas to Europe to supplementis oil export revenue.

Mr. Salehiforuz said the

had to look elsewhere for 200 billion riyals (\$114 million) for investment

It also meant that the government would pay 1.2 tril-lion rials (\$686 million) in subsidies for an estimated 32 billion cubic metres (1.13 trillion cubic feet) of gas to be consumed domestically in the year, he said. Mr. Salehiforuz said it now

looked unlikely that the gov-ernment could fulfil its goal parliament's veto of any of eliminating all subsidies domestic fuel price rises this for gas and selling it at cost by year meant that the gas sector 1999.

HOROSCOPE.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY JULY 31, 1994 By Thornas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This last day of the month can best be spent in relaxation and entertaining friends for it is one of this month's best days. Why don't you plan to have a party and see the people you miss and really care about. ARIES: (March 21 to April 19)

ing which would require change later. Study a new phi-losophy that could be helpful to you in the future. TAURUS: (April 20 to May

20) Morning is not good for pursuing some personal aims but the evening is fine for social activities. Sidestep a foe who is out for blood.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Seek a spot early in the day where you can gain peace of mind. Don't force any issues with family members who are not behind you. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22

to July 21) A close tie could be careless in the morning but don't let this bother you. Strive for increased happiness with your loved ones. LEO: (July 22 to August 21)

Be sure you don't irk someone in authority or you could re-gret it later. Plan the new week's activities wisely and make progress.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Wait until the afternoon before putting across any ideas to others, but use orthodox methods for best

results on a new project. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Study your obliga-tions well and plan how best to handle them. The afternoon is best for having a serious talk with your loved one.

SCURPIO: (October November 21) Wait until later in the day before talking over a personal matter with loval friends so you can get full benefit. Be poised at all times. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is a fine day for getting out and visiting long-time friends whom you have not seen for some time. Follow your hunches

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Morning plans are not very good but later they work out just fine for you. Show that you are understand-ing towards a friends troubles. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) The situation at home requires diplomacy in the morning. Make only sary to get an assignment com-

which are accurate now.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A new project you have in mind needs, more study before you put it in operation. Make plans to improve your social life.

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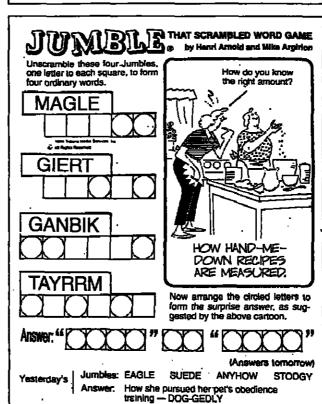


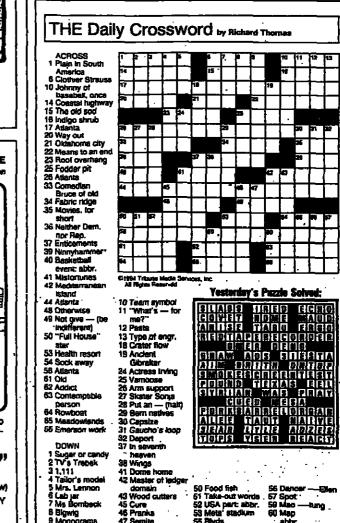






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the Security Council form a

mechanism for international action so that perpetrators of

such bombings are not able to

use diplomatic immunity to

Sources close to the inves-

tigation in Buenos Aires link-

ed Iranian diplomats to the

bombing, an allegation de-

nied by the Iranian embassy.

ambassador to Tehran and

has twice summoned the Ira-

Aires to the foreign ministry

A news agency said a

Argentine man was takei

into custody Friday in con-

nection with the bombing.

The government is new

holding five people in the

case, but none have been

arrested or charged with a

Ariel Nitzchner, 28, owner of

an auto repair shop outside

Buenos Aires, the Diarios Y

Noticias news agency said.

traffic minivan used in the

attack was loaded with explo-

sives at the shop, the report

Before Friday's detention,

federal police chief Adrian Pelacchi said that three

Argentine men were being detained in connection th

the sale and purchase of the

miniyan. An Iranian man was

taken into custody for ques-

Information possibly impli-cating Nitzchner value obtained from one of the

to Tellerin, 28. Police source

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Seven other people have been detained and released,

including an Iranian woman

taken into custody Tuesday

night at Ezeiza international

and freed Thursday.

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The Financial Times mean-

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other suspects. identified in news reports as Carlos Alber-

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The man was identified as

nian ambassador to Buenos

Argentina has recalled its

(Continued from page 1) countries, including the United States, Britain and

Tehran blamed the Mujahedeen for a bomb attack at a shrine in Mashhad, eastern Iran, that killed 26 worshippers on June 25. The group has denied the charges.

Friday's Security Council statement, read by Jamsheed Marker of Pakistan, expressed condolences to the victims, their families and the governments of Argentina and Britain.

The members of the Security Council demand an immediate end to all such terrorist attacks," the statement said.

"They stress the need to strengthen international cooperation in order to take full and effective measures to prevent, combat and eliminate all forms of terrorism, which affect the international community as a whole," it

Argentine Foreign Minister Guido di Tella accused Hizbollah, a Lebanese-based group, of the Buenos Aires bombing in a speech pre-pared for delivery before the Security Council.

But when he made the speech, Mr. Di Tella omitted that assertion, suggesting only that the attack on the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association may have been planned from outside the

country. "We are not going to accuse anyone without evidence," Mr. Di Tella said in calling for "urgent and con-certed action" by the international community to combat

terrorism and racism. He denied that Argentina was carrying out "any anti-Islamic campaign.

"We are fully confident that in a little more time, with the valuable cooperation of the governments that share our values of liberty and democracy, we can find the masterminds of this abberant act." he said.

He recalled that Buenos Aires was the scene of a similar bombing March 17, 1992 that destroyed the Israeli embassy and killed 30

Mr. Di Tella proposed that

Iran 'ready' to cooperate against terrorism | China halts share issues, yet cites a rosy future

BELIING (R) — Desperate to stop a freefall on the Shanshai bourse. China's stocks ency halted all share issues is year but also began a good news" drive to keep foreigners from taking their

money and running.
China Securities Regula-Commission Chairman Hongru issued the goslow edict late Friday, the fficial People's Daily and her magor Chineseuage papers reported day in page-one stories. he decree suspends al!

e issues scheduled for 94 as well as those already delayed from 1993, seas not to further undermine the share prices on China's embattled stock markets. The suspension, applying to both experimental markets in Shanghai and-Shenzhen.

"The scheduling of new share issues and listings next year must also be set in line with market conditions,'

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People's Daily said. The decree aims to ease the anger of investors in Shanghai, where the index of Chinese-held class-A shares has fallen by five per cent and sometimes even 10 per cent a day in recent weeks.

The index dived another 2.19 per cent on Friday to a record low close of 328.84 points, only slightly better than the all-time intra-day low of 321.23 set in the morning.

It has crashed a staggering 80 per cent since peaking at 1,640.71 points on Feb. 16,

Yet in a Jekyll-and-Hyde twist reflecting fears of a worse market nightmare, the China Daily, published by the People's Daily in English and aimed chiefly at foreigners, contained no mention of the suspension of new shares.

Instead, it depicted Mr. Liu as waxing bullish about prospects for the share mar-ket experiments he oversees.

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AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Oman sets up investment fund with British equity

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The Gulf state of Oman has set up its first investment fund with British equity and is studying an application from Japanese companies for a similar project; Omani bankers said Friday.

The Oryx fund has a capital of 20 million riyals (\$52 million) and has just started to trade its shares in Muscat and London.

"It is the first international fund to be traded in the Omani market as the government considers it a foreign venture because it does not have a stake in it and it is not governed by Omani laws," a bank manager told AFP by

telephone from Muscat. "I think it is a major step towards the internationalisation of the Muscat stock ex-

The Omani private sector owns 51 per cent of Oryx, which was established in Muscat at the request of a group of British companies seeking to take advantage of improved investment laws in Oman following large-scale economic reforms.

The remaining stake is held by British and other Western investors.

Oryx, which has been fully subscribed, began trading last week and strong demand has pushed up the price of its share to 1.1 riyals (\$2.86) from one riyal (\$2.6). Bankers expect further increases in coming weeks.

Oman embarked on reforms three years ago to offset a decline in oil prices and diversify its economy. The reforms cover privatisation, improvement of the investment atmosphere and

opening up its stock market. Officials said last week the drive would enable the pri-vate sector to play a leading role in the economy after decades of government

institutions is limited. "The government is considering a request from Japanese companies to set up an investment fund similar to the Oryx," a banker said, asking not to be named.

"I think there will be a positive response but the government prefers to wait and see how the Oryx works before endorsing other foreign funds. According to my information, the requested fund is bigger than the Oryx," he added.

Another joint venture was also set up with the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this year with a capital of 30 million rivals (\$78 million). Both Oryx and that fund will invest in projects cover-ing industry, farming, tourism, communications and other sectors. Oryx's activi-

five-year development plan in 1996. The fourth plan has achieved its targetted growth rates although economic reforms were slow in its early

ties will be limited to Oman,

which will embark on its.fifth

stages, officials said. From 7.6 per cent in 1991. the Gross Domestic Product in the non-oil sector surged by 12 per cent in 1992 and nine per cent in the first half of 1993, they said.

In a report from Muscat Friday, the UAE semi-official daily Al Ittihad said the establishment of Oryx had boosted activity in the already busy Muscat stock exchange, where nearly 65 banks and companies trade

During the week ending Thursday, turnover hit a record 3.9 million riyals (\$10.1 million) and the 100-point stock index rose to 134 points, its highest level since the official floor was opened

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Baring Securities rates AFM high

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — A respected London-based international investment consultancy has given high marks to the Amman Stock Market (AFM) describing it as relatively sophisticated and wellmanaged despite its small

Baring Securities Limited said in a report released last week that the AFM was relatively cheap by current emerging market values and would benefit from a peace settlement in the Middle

The report, excerpts from which were carried by the Associated Press-Dow Jones service, said the shares at the AFM were trading at around 17 times 1994 earning, and at about 13 times if distorting factors are excluded.

The report came against a dramatic recovery in the AFM after more than four months of stagnation during which prices saw a decline of up to 25 per cent since the beginning of the year. The drop was attributed mainly to uncertainties of economic benefits for Jordan from the Middle East peace process, movement of capital from the tading floor to fresh issues and withdrawal of part of foreign capital from the mar-

Jordanian stocks were seen to be on the road to recovery with the dramatic progress made in the Jordanian-Israeli track of negotiations in the peace process. Prices shot up by nearly seven per cent in five days of trading two weeks ago, and latest indications are that the upward trend is likely to continue.

Baring Securities Limited is a London-based firm whose advice is taken seriously by international in-

The firm's report on Jordan, which was drawn up by analysts Angus Blair and Karen Bradley, notes that Arab-Israeli peace initiatives are already stimulating local

ign investment along with ... good economic fundamentals should drive the market

Further liberalisation of :the financial infrastructure is planned and the government s committed to encouraging foreign investment, the .. analysts point out, adding that they expect the Jordanian economy to register a six per cent growth in 1994 and

seven per cent in 1997. At the end of 1993, the total capitalisation of the companies listed in the organised share market stood at around ID 3.4 billion at the end of Juie 1994 compared with JD 2.27 billion at the end of 1992 and JD 1.69 billion at the end of 1991.

The industrial sector accounted for JD 1.66 billion, followed by commercial banks and financial institutions with JD 1.42 billion, the services sector with JD 670 billion and the insurance sector with JD 79.41 million. according to a summary released by the AFM on market performance during the first half of this year.

The Baring report notes that the market capitalisation was on the lower end of the emerging markets scale, but notes that the AFM is one of the biggest regulated markets in the Arab World.

However, market capitalisation compared to the size of the economy is high, indicating a well-established stock market and a relatively high level of local trading, the report said.

Turnover during 1993 constituted 28 per cent of market capitalisation, around the same level as for Venezuela and Indonesia, the report

The analysts also noted that foreign investors were allowed to hold up to 49 per cent of a Jordanian company and the informal rule that a single foreign investor could not hold more than three per cent of the share capital of a company.

The Baring analysts also gave a list of shares that they recommend at the AFM; these included those of the Arab Aluminium Company, the Arab Bank Limited, Dar Al Dawa, the Industrial Development Bank and Jordan Cement Factories Companies and the Housing Bank.

Dubai sugai refinery to stake out regional share

DUBAI (R) — A private Dubai company has been building a large sugar refin-ery that will seek to cash in on an enormous appetite for sugar in the Gulf region where demand is put at a probable world record of 30 kilogrammes per head. It has taken a two- or

three-year lead over a Saudi-British plant planned for Saudi Arabia, but officials in each project said they thought the market was more than big enough for both.

The Dubai unit is to have annual capacity of about 800,000 tonnes, more than the entire 700,000-tonne market for sugar in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman Qatar and

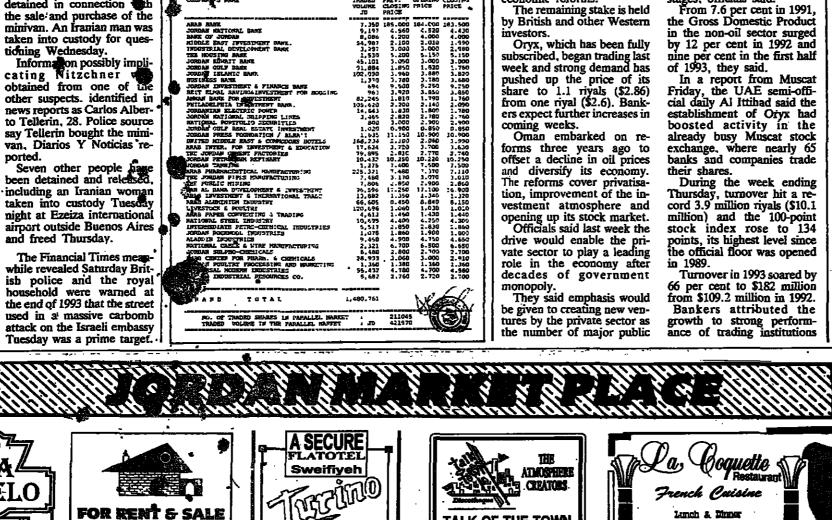
Bahrain.

But while the 500,000 tonne per year Saudi plant will focus mainly on the 400,000 tonnes of Saudi demand, the refinery being built in Dubai's Jebel Ali free trade zone is considered an offshore refinery catering to the reexport market.

"The world is not the GCC," Jamal Al Ghurair, chairman and principal owner of the Dubai company, Al Khaleej Sugar, told Reuters. "Dubai does not live on the GCC only. We export to countries all over the world." Mr. Ghur a is from a well-known Dubai business family, and some of his relatives have also joined the project. He had originally

considered but decided against joining the Saudi pro-That one is to be built in Saudi Arabia's Red Sea port of Jeddah as a joint venture between Saudi Arabia's cooking oil giant Savola Co. (51 per cent), Britain's Tate and Lyle Plc (15 per cent) and 13 Saudi sugar merchants

(34 per cent) The joint venture is named United Sugar Co. (USC) and the refinery is being built at a cost of about \$120 million.



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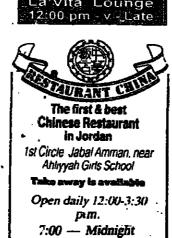
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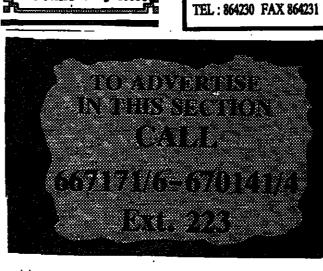
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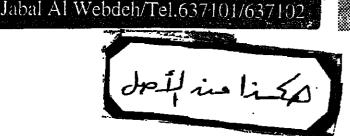
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Berger takes pole as Ferrari fill front row at German GP

HOCKENHEIM. Germany (R) - Gerhard Berger claimed Ferrari's first pole position for nearly four years Saturday when he outpaced all his rivals in final qualifying for Sunday's German Grand

Perger, who pushed his car torthe limit on the fast Hockenfreim ring circuit, clocked a fastest time of one minute 43:582 seconds to secure the prime grid position for the 45-лар гасе.

was the Austrian's first pole since the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka in 1991, when he was with McLaren, and the first for

any Ferrari driver since the Portuguese Grand Prix in September 1990.

To cap a perfect day for the revitalised Italian team, Frenchman Jean Alesi claimed second place on the grid in the second Ferrari. It was also the first all-

Ferrari front row since that day at Estoril when Nigel Mansell and Alain Prostwerel their drivers. Damon Hill, fastest Friday

and hoping for his third successive pole, finished third in his Williams, ahead of local hero Michael Schumacher who failed to improve on fourth place in his Benetton. Berger's time was nearly

five seconds slower than Prost's pacestting effort at Hockenheim a year ago fol-lowing the introduction of the latest set of safety regulations which require the cars to have a stepped-bottom by a 10m piece of wood.

Schumacher, driving under protest at the two-race ban imposed by the FIA Tuesday, made a huge but abortive effort to give the vast crowd

the result they had hoped for. But with a Ford V8 engine in his Benetton, Schumacher was unable to compete on even terms with the vastly more powerful V12s of the Ferraris and the V10 of Hill's Renault-powered Williams.

GOODWILL GAMES

Cuba wins 6 boxing gold medals

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP) - Cuba and Russia dominated boxing at the Goodwill Games with 11 of 12, gold medals, leaving the other gold Saturday for American Benjamin McDwell.

Cuba won six golds to five for Russian, but the Russians won three of five gold-medal boarts against the Cubans, seeming to signal the return of Russia as a boxing power.

"We had our boxers very well prepared for this event, said Russian Boxing Federation President Vladimir Ivanchenko. "As you know things are very difficult now, but step-by-step we're showing we stay even with the best in the world. That is Cuba." Cuba's highly successful

coach Alcides Sagarra showed no disappointment at his team's few setbacks.

We're just now beginning to prepare ourselves for the world championships next year," Sagarra said. "Even Cuban fighters lose fights at

The 1995 world championships are in Berlin next

May. Two Cuban Olympic goldmedal winners lost in the two days of Goodwill finals. Joel Casamayor at 57 kilos (125 pounds) lost a 15-8 decision against Russian world bronze medallist Ramzi . Palyani, and Juan Carlos Lemus dropped a 15-7 decision to Rus-sian Sergei Karavakev at 71 kilos (156 pounds).

Cuba's best-known Olym-

pic gold-medallist, 26-year-old heavyweight Felix Savon, won his gold with the only punch he threw in his bout Friday, knocking out Russian Sergei Machalov in the first

The United States was saved from a shutout by McDowell, a 24-year-old U.S. army enlisted man from Fort Bragg, N.C., who won a 9-7 decision at 81 kilos (178 pounds) over Cuban Dihos-

vany Vega.
"This is my biggest international win," McDowell said. 'I was the underdog and I like being the underdog. Maybe I can realistically think about the Olympics now, but first I want a vacation. I don't want to get burned out on boxing.

Cob county

Olympics ATLANTA (R) — Olympic organisers Friday said they will not stage preliminary vol-leyball competition for the 1996 summer games in an Atlanta suburb renowned for its condemnation of

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homosexuals. Up to now, competition was set for a convention centre in Cobb County, a staunchly conservative com-munity located just north of Atlanta, where government leaders have passed a resolution saying the gay lifestyle undermines family values.

The resolution, adopted by the Cobb County commission a year ago, triggered a storm of protest from gay activists who have spent months lobbying the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) to drop the site from its list of venues.

The controversy peaked this week when Cobb County commission chairman Bill Byrne said he was fed up with ACOG and wanted the organising group's reservations for volleyball practice in 1995 opened to others interested in renting the convention

ACOG said it will replace the Cobb County venue with the University of Georgia's coliseum in Athens, Georgia, about 60 miles (100 km) east of Atlanta.

Anti-gay | Agassi beats Bruguera at Canadian Open

TORONTO (R) — Eighth 'seed Andre Agassi was too good for top-seeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera in a hardfought quarterfinal match at the \$1.72 million Canadian Open late Friday, coming away with a 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-1

"That's bigtime tennis," said the 20th-ranked Agassi of the one hour, 49 minute match. "Neither one of us could really hope to play better than that."

fourth-seeded Jim Courier also looked fierce breezing past Thomas Enqvist of Sweden 6-2, 6-2, in another quarterfinal.

The semifinal pairings pit Agassi against sixth-seeded Wayne Ferreira of South Africa and Courier against unseeded Jason Stoltenberg of Australia.

Ferreira beat 14th-seeded Malivai Washington of the United States 4-6, 7-5, 7-5 in one quarterfinal. Stoltenberg upset 15th-seeded American Richey Reneberg 6-4, 6-2 in the other.

Agassi eventually overpowered the fourth-ranked Bruguera in a match where both players pounded the ball ferociously.

"It was a great match and we both played as hard as possible," Bruguera said. We put each other under a lot of pressure." The match turned decisive-

ly in Agassi's favour after Bruguera, down 2-0 in the final set, had the American on the ropes at 0-40 in the third game. But Agassi won the next five points to save the serve and lead 3-0, then captured three of the last four

"If I'm hitting the ball that good I let my opponent worry about me," Agassi said.
"Mentally, I think he got a little discouraged after that third game. Despite his quarterfinal

loss, Bruguera will move to a career-high ranking of number three Monday. In all three sets Agassi took an early lead.

He led Bruguera 4-2 in the first set before the Spaniard broke even to 4-4. At 30-40 in the tenth game, Bruguera captured the first set when he smacked a vicious forehand right down the line.

Agassi had a 5-3 lead in the second set but Bruguera pulled even to force a tiebreaker.

At 2-2 in the tie-breaker. Agassi won the final five points to move the match into a final set. Bruguera double faulted on the last point of the tie-breaker.

Agassi now leads Bruguera 2-1 in career meetings. The 12th-ranked Courier,

who will move back into the top 10 Monday, played airtight tennis Friday. He now has a 2-0 winning record over the 49th-ranked enqvist.

"Your game plan every match is to try and get up early and stay on top," Courier said. "Sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't. Today was a good day for that.'

Courier lost only nine



Andre Agassi

points in his eight service games, winning 24 of 27 firstservice points in the match. He never offered Enqvist a chance to break his serve in the 56-minute match.

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The American was clearly dominant, racking in 25 outright winners to Enqvist's paltry seven in the match. Enqvist held serve four times in the match - in the third and fifth games of the first set and the first and fifth games of the second set.

Majoli upsets Fernandez in Vermout

STRATTON MOUNTAIN. Vermont (R) - Iva Majoli of Croatia ensured that the semifinals of the \$400,000 U.S. hardcourts will be an all-European affair when she upset American Mary Joe Fernandez in a long duel late

The fifth-seeded Majoli, a 16-year-old ranked 23rd in the world, took advantage of three unforced errors in a third-set tie-breaker to edge the third-seeded, 11thranked Fernandez 6-3 5-7 7-6

(7-3).

Majoli's first victory in

three matches with Fernandez put her in the semifinals against Spain's Arantxa Sanchez Vicario. Spaniard Conchita Martinez will play South African Amanda Coetzer in the other semifinal. The second-ranked San-

chez Vicario, the French

Open champion, will carry a 1-0 record against Majoli. The third-ranked Martinez, champion at Wimbledon, has dropped only one set in five meetings with Coet-

Majoli and Fernandez each scored two service breaks in the third set before the Croatian took charge by running up a 5-1 lead in the tiebreaker.-

"I think I played the important points better," said Majoli. "I went for my shots on those points and they were dropping in. In the tie-breaker, I just didn't make any errors.

It was the second match of the day for Fernandez, who scored an easy 6-1 6-0 victory over Sonya Jeyaseelan of Canada to reach the quarter-

Sanchez Vicario and Coetzer

also each played two match-

Sanchez Vicario, rushing to finish a second-round match, dropped a set on her way to a 6-4 3-6 6-1 victory over Sandra Cacic. Then in the quarterfinals, the Spaniard won the final eight games in ousting another American, Tami Whitlinger-Jones 6-3 6-0.

"I had some ups and downs in the first match, but I controlled the second one," said Sanchez Vicario who teamed with Martinez to lead Spain to victory last week in the Federation Cup in Frankfurt.

Spurs promise more new players after signing Klinsmann

LONDON (R) — Tottenham are still looking to sign more new players following their spectacular swoop for World Cup'stars Jurgen Klinsmann of Germany and Ilie Dumitrescu of Romania.

Minsmann, rated one of the best strikers in the world over the last eight years, scored five goals in the World Cup finals — and for Tottenham to capture his signature from Monaco for just £2.0 million (£3.06 million) on a two-year contract represeems a staggering coup for chairman Alan Sugar and his manager Ossie Ardiles.

The news of Klinsmann's arffval broke just 48 hours after Spurs signed Dumitrescu from Steaua Bucharest for S\$6 million (£3.97 million).

And Ardiles promised there would be at least one mpre top foreign player joining Spurs before the start. of the season although he seems tokhave lost out in his bid to tempt the Brazilian World Cap defender Marcio Santos from Bordeaux to White Hart Lane. The the centreback is now "80 per cent certain" to join Fiorentina, according to his father.

Romania sweeper Gheorghe Popescu has also reportedly turned down Spurs, who had offered his club PSV Eindhoven £2.5 million

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(\$3.82 million). But Ardiles is still hopeful Carlo. of signing Brazilian striker Muller for \$1.4 million (\$2.14

million) from world club champions Sao Paulo. The Tottenham boss pledged: "I am hoping to bring another player to the club. I'm practically sure that. before the season begins,

player here." Dumitrescu, who arrived in London for his medical Friday was eagerly anticipating the challenge of English

"The fact that we have lost six points should mobilize us as a team," said the 26 yearold. "It is only two games. I believe in the value of teamwork. Together we will over-

come that handicap. "I had offers from Bari, Padova and Monaco, and last night I had a telephone call from Atletico Madrid. But I chose Tottenham because I have a lot of respect for the club, they are a symbol of English football.

The dramatic signing of Klinsmann, one of the biggest world names to come to English football since the arrival at Spurs of Ardiles himself in 1978, has overshadowed all the rest of the wheeling and dealing and was completed in cloack and dagger fashion by club chairman Sugar on his yacht off Monte

Klinsmann, 30, was tempted to Spurs despite offers from Sampdoria and two Spanish clubs. He arrives in London Monday for the medical which will complete the formalities of the transfer from Monaco.

The blond German, a there will be another foreign World Cup winner in 1990 who has appeared 62 times for his country, scoring 24 goals, said, "at first I was thinking of going back to Italy, then I was thinking more and more about Tottenham.

"They are a very presti-gious club with a lot of tradition. It is a big challenge for me to play in the English premier league and I am looking forward to it." Ardiles, who took no part

in the actual negotiations. said, "Jurgen is a big, big signing. He is one of the best players in the world.
"Germany as a team did not have good World Cup,

but Jurgen did. His signing

shows the level of commitment we have here to return this club to the top. It shows our ambition. "It is looking very exciting for us, especially up front.

Going forward we are certainly going to be very, very The arrival of attacking midfielder Dumitrescu and

some of the present squad will be moving on. Vinny Samways looks cer-tain to leave and is wanted by Everton, although they are baulking at Tottenham's asking price of £2.8 million

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Jurgen Klinsmann

(\$4.28 million).

In the space of three days, Ardiles and Sugar have cleared much of the gloom that surrounding White Hart Lane this summer after the FA punished the club for irregular payments to players by banning them from the FA Cup next season and making them start 1994-95 with a

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Klinsmann began his career with Stuttgarter Kickers, then moved to VFB Stuttgart, and in 1989 went to Italy and Inter Milan in a '£1.3 milion (\$2.0 million) deal. He claimed a UEFA Cup winners medal with Inter in 1991 then had a brief spell with Real Madrid the year after before joining Monaco.

upsets Monaco PARIS (AFP) - Didier Alsace side hung on for the draw. Auxerre coach Guy Roux

Lang's goal

Lang's goal shocked French title challengers Monaco in their own stadium Friday as Metz won 1-0. Metz, who finished just.

first three-point win in the French league with Lang's 22nd minute goal. And it was at the expense of last season's European signed striker Sonny Ander-

12th last season, earned their

son and defender Eric Di Meco from Marseille. Franck Dumas fouled Robert Pires outside the area, and Lang made no mistake from the free-kick to beat keeper Fabian Piveteau and upset Arsene Wenger's

In other matches, champions Paris Saint Germain drew 0-0 with Le Havre, fourth from bottom last season. Ten-man Strasbourg, boosted by the signings of Franck Sauzee from Atalanta and Xavier Gravelaine from PSG, played out a 1-1 draw with Cup Winners' Cup

hopefuls Auxerre. Franck Sauzee, playing his first match since his dis-appointing year with Atalan-ta, relegated from Italy's Series A, opened the score for Strasbourg. From a Gravelaine corner, Sauzee headed home from the far post a muinute before half-

But Bernard Diomede equalised a minute after the break with a powerful shot. Then, eight minutes before time, Strasbourg's Pascal Baills was sent off, but the

did well to grab a point considering seven players were missing Franck Silvestre and Pascal Vahirua were suspended, and Bruno Martini, Moussa Saib, Christian Henna, Christophe Cocard, and Alain Goma were injured.

Nantes, coached by Jean-1-1 at home to Lyon with Patrice Loko scoring for Nantes and Florian Maurice equalising a minute later in the 54th minute.

And Sochaux beat Caen, despite their signing of Sweden's World Cup star Kennet Andersson, with two late goals for a 2-0 victory.

Andersson joined Caen in May after following Lille coach Pierre Mankowski, but iust last week, Benfica offered the Normandy club three million dollars for Andersson - about four times the amount Caen payed

"It's all very clear," Andersson said. "I signed a three-year contract here, and I will stay at least till the end of the current season '

Andersson did not regret signing the Caen deal, though, after his goals for Sweden at the World Cup, he could have clinched a much better move.

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Jockey Piggott planning_ return

NEWMARKET (England) - Lester Piggott plans to return to the saddle as soon as he has recovered from his

latest race riding fall. As the racing world rallied to his defence to dismiss calls for his retirement, the 58year-old jockey was recuperating at home Friday.

Piggott suffered concussion and bruising when the saddle slipped from his mount Coffee 'N Cream at Goodwood Thursday.

Family friend Anna Ludlow said: "He is fine. He got back today and there are no problems. He is bound by the seven-day rule for concussion to take a break but he will be looking to return to action as soon as he is allowed."

Piggott could be back on the racetrack as early as next Friday but will need to be examined first.

Inevitably some are calling for Piggott to slip back into retirement, as he did between 1985 and 1990, but an overwhelming number of his colleagues at Goodwood Friday back his decision to continue. Richard Hannon, the train-

er of Coffee 'N Cream, said: "He should carry on if that's what he wants to do and he still enjoys it. The fall was just one of those things but he probably doesn't bounce as well as he used to." Jockeys association secretary Michael Caulfield said:

Certainly, he should not retire. He is a national treasure. Let's appreciate every. moment of his career. But Goodwood's clerk of the course Rod Fabricius believes retirement may not be

too far away. 'Sooner or later in his own interests it would be best if he did consider retirement. But obviously the decision will not be easily made by him,"

"I think probably it should be taken out of his hands at some stage however brutal that may sound.
"That's not to say his abil-

ity is wavering but Anno Domini will catch up with him eventually." Jump jockey Mark'

Richards said: "I don't think there is anything left for him to prove now. He will never retrieve the heady days of his illustrious career now. "I still feel he is brilliant

but he doesn't have the touch of flare he used to. It is a shame to see someone so brilliant just become the

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NBA's Magic sign Horace Grant

ORLANDO, Florida (R) — The Orlando Magic announced Friday that they have signed Horace Grant, making the free-agent power forward who won three NBA titles with superstar Michael lion to help sign Grant.
"We have been very for-Jordan a teammate of the league's brightest new marquee player, Shaquille

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

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The 29-year-old Grant, who led the Bulls in rebounding the last six seasons, played on all three of the Bulls' championship teams from 1991-93 and has spent his entire seven-year career in Chicago.

"Hopefully, with my presence, we can go real far," said Grant, who made his first All-Star appearance this past season.

"We have a very young, talented team. The nucleus is great and it's exciting for me to be a part of that. I'm definitely up for the chal-

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) -

Turkey was seeking the ex-tradition of soccer star Tanju

Colak Saturday after he fled

the country two days earlier

just before a warrant for his

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Colak, the leading scorer

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lenge." Earlier in the day, the Magic traded guard Scott Skiles to the Washington Bullets, apparently to free up Skiles' salary slot of \$2.1 mil-

tunate to have had the opportunity to acquire a player of Horace Grant's calibre," Magic vice president of basketball operations/player personnel John Gabriel said.

'What he can contribute to this team from his experience and leadership qualities, his rebounding abilities, and his playoff experience are going to be invaluable to this team. We're extremely excited to have Horace as a part of our future.'

The 6-foot-10, 235-pound Grant was selected by Chicago in the first round of the 1987 draft with the 10th overall selection out of Clemson. He averaged 15.1 points and 11 rebounds in 70 games last season, while shooting 52 per

ger interested in re-signing Grant after he thought the two had reached a verbal agreement on a five-year, \$20 million contract.

Reinsdorf said he and Turkey seeks Grant met face-to-face, at the player's urging, and came to the verbal agreement, but Grant later changed his

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Grant, who has shot better

than 50 per cent in each of his

seven seasons, has averaged

12.6 points and 8.6 rebounds

in his career. He grabbed a club-record 344 offensive re-

bounds during the 1991-92

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ership to make the Magic a

championship-calibre team,

Magic coach Brian Hill said.

"He's going to give so much to our team. He knows what

it takes to win a cham-

In May, the Bulls filed

charges against the Magic for

tampering with Grant, but

the charges were later drop-

ped. Grant became an unres-

tricted free agent July 1,

Bulls chairman Jerry

Reinsdorf announced earlier

Friday that they were no lon-

"This signals one thing...a

"It's never been all about money," Grant told a news conference. "I wanted to search for a good organisa-tion. A good organisation consists of a family atmosphere. I truly believe I found it right here in Orlando."

Jordan offers a dream challenge

NEW YORK (AFP) — Michael Jordan offered a challenge to members of Dream Team II, saying his original 1992 Olympic championship squad could beat the latest collection of National Basketball Association

Jordan, who retired last year to begin a baseball career, told the New York Post that he would love to play in a charity game matching the first Dream Team against the latest group assembled to play at the world championships starting Thursday in Toronto. Responding to comments by Dream Team

II players that they would win such a show-down. Jordan said, "Those guys are on the right team, because they are definitely dreaming. Not only was Dream Team I better, but we could beat them right now.

Jordan said he could average 32 points a game after only a couple of weeks to prepare, but said pride prevents him from ever considering a return to the NBA.

The seven-times NBA scoring champion, who led the Chicago Bulls to three straight league crowns, ripped his former teammates for a lack of support and said his late father James wanted him to retire during his final season because "he felt my teammates didn't appreciate what I was doing for them."
"I had totally lost interest," Jordan said of

his final season. "I knew I had to give it up." "They had no idea how much pressure and grief I had to put up with off the court while carrying them on the court," Jordan said.

"Scottie (Pippen) found out the hard way what it's like to be under the microscope 24 hours a day. For the first half of the season he did great carrying the team. The second half, not so great.

Jordan said Pippen made a grave mistake by taking himself out of the final Bulls' playoff game when Toni Kukoc was set to take the final shot while Pippen would have been a



Michael Jordan

"I don't think he will ever live that down," Jordan said.

Jordan said he found squabbles of his teammates petty.
"I covered their asses when they got right at

the end of games and I had to overcome fourth-quarter deficits all by myself," Jordan said. "It bothered my father a lot, just as it bothered me, to hear them bitching about not getting enough credit or not getting enough

Jordan said media examining of his gambling and inaccurate links between gambling and his father's killing pushed him to retire. Jordan is batting .188 for a minor-league

McRae heading for 2nd world rally title

ROTORUA, New Zealand (R) — Scotsman Colin McRae was heading for his second victory in a world championship event Saturday after dominating the second day of the Rally of New

Winning the day's first five special stages in his Subaru impreza, McRae, 25, stretch-ed his overnight lead, ending the day two minutes nine seconds ahead of world champion Juha Kankkunen of Finland.

"I just backed off in the last few stages today and I might back off a bit more tomorrow — we'll see what Juha does," McRae said. Kankkunen acknowledged

the quality of McRae's per-formance. "I was trying ev-erything but he was going too fast," he said. McRae now needs only to

keep going through the re-latively short third day Sunday — eight special stages totalling 98km — to repeat last year's victory.

In their efforts to combat McRae's devastating speed through the winding gravel roads of the east coast area, his closest pursuers all encountered trouble during the

long second day. Five top drivers hit road-side banks but managed to resume the contest — Toyota drivers Kankkunen and

Didier Auriol of France, Mitsubishi team members Armin Schwarz of Germany and Sweden's Kenneth Eriksson and Finn Ari Vatanen.

Less fortunate was young British champion Richard Burns, who upped the tempo to climb to fifth but then skidded his Subaru at high speed into a rock face which turned out to be rather

He was fraced out, leaving McRae as the sole surviving Subaru team driver. Spaniard Carlos Sainz and New Zealander Possum Bourne dropped out on day one.

Former world champion Miki Biasion of Italy saw his frustrating rally come to an end when the engine of his Ford Escort Cosworth failed while he was lying sixth. Auriol passed his Toyota

teammate Kankkunen in the morning to claim second, but his crash and later mechanicwoes — a broken front differential and gearbox problems — dropped him to sixth.

Vatanen won four stages in a row in the afternoon. "This is better, I should have been going like this all the rally, the Finn said. However, three minutes

lost while he recovered from his crash dropped him to fourth behind Schwarz's Mit-

decided whether to charge

him with aiding and abetting

It was Cowlings who was at

the wheel of the white Ford

Bronco June 17 when police

pursued the vehicle in a chase

that was nationally broad-

cast. The chase ended when

Cowlings drove the car back

to Simpson's home, where

California police, mean-

while, were looking for the

thief who stole Simpson's

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both men were arrested.

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return to Turkey," Colak said earlier and added that he was waiting to have his sentence lifted by President Suleyman Demirel The said he should be for-

arrest for car smuggling was given just as the Argentinian government forgave soccer superstar Diego Maradona The Istanbul daily Cumhuriyet quoted justice Minister Mehmet Mogultay for drug offences. The sentence effectively

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Saturday saying officials had started legal proceedings for Colak's extradition from marks the end of Colak's career. As Turkish sports regulations forbid anyone entenced for certain crimes, However, Mogultay im-plied it may not be an easy including smuggling, from playing professionally again. process because Turkey did

Colak starred for the Istanbul team Galatasaray in the late 1980s and for Fenerbachce in the early 1990s. His career went into decline after legal and marital troubles and was fired from his first division club.

He was later transferred to Istanbulspor in the second division.

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The rest was routine. The defense did what it could by cashing the ace of hearts and continuing the suit. Declarer ruffled in hand, discarded a heart on the jack of spades and then led a club from hand. The defenders could not get more than two spade tricks, one heart and one club.

Declarer's decision in the spade suit is known as Restricted Choice. Briefly, if West held a doubleton Q 9, the defender would have to follow with the low card. If West held a 10 9 doubleton, West could play either card on the first round of the suit.

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Simpson's date for trial on

murder charges was changed late Friday to Sept. 19 when the judge presiding over the case realised he had made a mathematical error.

LOS ANGELES (R) — O.J.

Superior court judge Lance Ito at first named Sept. 20, the 60th day following Simpson's arraignment last Friday, as the date for the start of the

But he later changed it to Sept. 19, noting that under California's "speedy trial" law Simpson was entitled to be tried within 60 days of being arraigned.

Simpson has pleade'd "absolutely, 100 per cent not guilty" to the murders of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson, 35, and her friend Ronald Goldman, a 25-yearold model.

West led the six of clubs (the modern tendency is to lead third-best from four cards) and declarer ran that round to hand, winning with the nine. A low spade was led to the mine, king and are and a club came back. The two were stabbed and slashed to death outside Nicole Simpson's Brentwood apartment on the night of came back.

Declarer rose with the ace of clubs and drew trumps in three rounds, ending on the table. A low spade was led and, when East inserted the eight, South read the position correctly (the mice of spades on the first lead had tipped the distribution) and played low from hand and West had to waste the queen of spades "on sir." June 12, at a time when Simpson says he was at home waiting for a limousine to take him to the airport.

During a preliminary hearing marked by its civility, in sharp contrast to the heated courtroom skirmishes of past hearings, the two sides agreed to meet informally to discuss exchanges of evidence rather than make repeated

court appearance.

Gerald Uelmen, a member of Simpson's defence team, complained in court that police were not following up leads fast enough and that the defence was not being given enough information.

He said that in police documents handed to the defence team last week, "there was a report of an eyewitness who was in the alleyway behind Nicole Simpson's house who reports hearing someone leaving from the back gate

and then two men arguing."
Uelmen complained that the information was given in abbreviated form and did not include the witness's address or telephone number.

Deputy district attorney William Hodgman said the Los Angeles police department was making efforts to contact the witness and inter-

Another defence attorney, Johnnie Cochran, said there was at least one other witness police interviewed some time ago, "who has given testimony or evidence that is totally inconsistent with the theory of a lone assailant and entirely inconsistent with the fact that Mr. Simpson is that assailant.

"To date, we have not received any report of that par-ticular witness."

He added there were more witnesses "who have theories

O.J. Simpson trial date changed to Sept. 19

of multiple assailants of different ethnic backgrounds than Mr. Simpson that we think need to be pursued vigorous-

Hodgman assured the court that all leads and witnesses were being followed

Friday's hearing was on a defence motion asking for several specific items of information, including reports from hospitals in the area which may have treated someone for a dog bite wound on the night of the

Nicole Simpson's large, white dog was found wandering loose following the

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fence was trying to engage in a "fishing expedition." "If they want to go fishing,

I suggest they get their own pole and tackle box," he said. He did agree, however, to turn over tapes from the district attorney's "hot line" containing tips from the pub-

Uelmen said the defence would turn its "hot-line" tips over to the prosecution, and the judge said he had also receive telephone tips and letters which he would make available to both sides. "Some are more interest-

ing than others," he said, In a rare moment of levity, laughter filled the courtroom several times when Ito noted

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NEWS IN BRIEF

55 injured in violence over Nasrin

DHAKA (AP) — Radicals demanding stiffer blasphemy laws and death to a feminist writer clashed with police and the author's supporters, leaving 55 people injured, reports said Saturday. Newspapers said the violence broke out overnight as nearly 50,000 Muslims dispersed after marching through Dhaka streets Friday to call for the execution of Taslima Nasrin, whom they accuse of insulting Islam. The reports said 40 people were injured when Islamic activists threw crude home-made bombs and 15 others were hurt when police fired ruber bullets at the demonstrators near Dhaka's parliament building. Police made 16 arrests. A nationwide strike called by the opposition Awami League party and secular student groups halted traffic and closed buinesses in Dhaka on Saturday. The stoppage was a protest against the alleged killing of six people by supporters of the fundamentalist Jamaat-E-Islami party. The six died Tuesday in a clash between backers of fundamentalist leader Golam Azam and secular students in the southern port city of Chittagong. Bangladesh, where the population is 90 per cent Muslim, is being increasingly polarized by such disputes. Ms. Nasrin, 31, went into hiding June 4 after a court ordered her arrest on charges of violating a 19th-century law against hurting religious sentiments. An Indian newspaper had quoted the writer as calling for a revision of the Koran. She says she was misquoted and had actually called for greater rights for women under Islam.

Two N. Korean defectors nabbed in Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) - Two North Korean escapees from a Siberian logging camp were caught trying to cross the Russian border into China with the intention of heading to South Korea, the media reported here. The Russian army newspaper Krasnaya Zvezda said Friday the two had escaped the Chegdomyn camp and were caught "recently" by Khabarovsk border guards. The two set off an alarm and were picked up after a five-hour chase. The paper did not say what became of the would-be defectors. South Korea earlier this year said it would accept defectors from the Siberian camps where thousands of North Koreans are employed, on "humanitarian" grounds, sparking allega-tions of kidnapping from North Korea, Meanwhile, ITAR-TASS news agency Saturday said customs in the far-eastern Vladivostok region had arrested a 52-year-old North Korean who was attempting to smuggle opium into the

Detectives among 4 killed in Soweto

JOHANNESBURG (R) - Four people, including two detectives investigating a murder, died in a shootout at a house in Johannesburg's giant Soweto township early on Saturday, police said. A murder suspect and a bystander were also killed and a third policeman and a bystander were wounded in the shooting in Soweto's Orlando district, near the township home that President Nelson Mandela still owns. Police spokesman Hennie Oosthuizen said three officers were investigating the murder of a man whose throat was cut during the night. At least 330 South African policemen have been killed, mainly in the black townships, since the beginning of last year and about 1,000 have been

Maoist militants kill 16 in India

NEW DELHI (R) - A landmine planted by Maoist guerrillas killed 16 people on Saturday, most of them policemen, in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh, the United News of India reported. It said several other people travelling in a police vehicle were injured in the explosion and that at least one was wounded by a bullet, indicating that militants had fired on survivours. The agency said the attack appeared to have been in revenge for the deaths of four militants in a gunbattle with police. Maoist militants, known in India as Nazalites after the town where their movement started in the 1960s, had distributed pamphlets in the area promising revenge. The landmine is a favorite Naxalite weapon against police. They have used them previously in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, where they are strongest, as well as in Madhya

Plutonium hidden in Switzerland

HAMBURG (AFP) — A German businessman in custody for possessing Russian plutonium which could be used to make nuclear weapons has offered to reveal another cache of the radioactive chemical hidden in Switzerland, the German weekly Der Spiegel reported Saturday. Adolf Jackle told the government he would reveal the exact whereabouts of the 60 grammes of plutonium in exchange for a relaxation of his conditions of detention, the magazine said in an extract of an article in the edition which goes on sale on Monday. Mr. Jackle said that apart from the six grammes of Russian plutonium 239 seized at his home in Tengen-Wiechs and the 60 grammes in Switzerland, he also knew of places in Germany and Austria where traffickers had hidden enriched uranium. He said he would only reveal details, names of suppliers and buyers once his demands were met, Spiegel reported. It did not say what these demands were. Police enquiries into the affair are following several leads to Saudi Arabia, Russia, Bulgaria and Asia and believe the plutonium seized at Mr. Jaekle's home came from a Russian nuclear bomb factory. Russian authorities are angry that the Germans have not supplied them with a sample of the plutonium which would enable them to ascertain its origin, Der Spiegel said.

Front line welcomes new South Africa

WINDHOEK (AFP) The front line states formally dissolved Saturday and welcomed a reformed South Africa into a new political and economic organisation. Nathan Shamuyarira, Zimbabwe's foreign minister, said the frontline states would become the political and security wing of the South African Development Community, a regional group South Africa was to join in August. "The work of the front line states is now complete," Mr. Shamuyarira said after a meeting of southern African foreign ministers. The front-line states - Angola, Bostswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe - helped lead international opposition to white minority rule in South Africa. A black-led government took over South Africa after the country's first all-race elections were held in April. South African Foreign Minister Alfred Nzo attended Saturday's meeting in Windhoek.

Israeli coach says he was detained

TEL AVIV (AP) - A leading Israeli soccer coach said Saturday that he and two colleagues were detained by Dutch police in connection with the recent bombings of Jewish targets in London. "We didn't know if to laugh or to cry," Avraham Grant, coach of cupwinner Maccabi Tel Aviv, told army radio after four hours in custody at Amsterdam's Schiphol airport. Mr. Grant said he and team officials Shimon Korek and Avraham Lev were seized upon arrival Friday. Despite protestations that they were Israeli, he said, they were searched and marched across the terminal to separate tiny detention rooms. "I gave them my business card and asked, 'let us make a phone call, we're pretty famous in Israel, but nothing. It was humiliating. Mr. Grant said. Dutch military police spokesman Alek de Jong said three men and a woman from KLM's flight KL120 from London were detained for a few hours Friday afternoon, but refused to disclose identies. Another passenger thought he recognised them from composite drawings of suspects made by British police, Mr. De Jong said. The Israelis were en route from Iceland to summer training camp in Germany and had only changed planes in London, Mr. Grant said. Eventually an officer returned their passports and freed them with apologies Mr. Grant said, adding he "will not let this slide."

N. Korean premier seen unhurt by defection

TOKYO (Agencies) — North Korean Prime Minister Kang Song-San attended mourning rites for an old colleague, suggesting he was unharmed by the recent defection to South Korea of a man claiming to be his son-in-

The official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA), monitored in Tokyo on Saturday, listed Mr. Kang in second place behind Communist Party Standing Com-mittee kingpin O Jin-U among the mourners for Deputy Prime Minister Kang Hui-Won, who died this

The rites took place on Friday, KCNA said. Kang Hui-Won's funeral was set

for Saturday.

Kim Jong-II, son of the late
President Kim Il-Sung who
died on July 8 and his father's presumed successor, did not Premier Kang's position in

the ruling hierarchy was unchanged from that revealed in the make-up of Kim Il-Sung's funeral committee. The Tokyo-based Korea-

transfer comes from Pres-

idential Determination 94-20

igned March 31, 1994. The

PDD directs the drawdown

of \$161.9 million in defence

articles and services by the

These funds will cover the

first 35 aircraft which are

scheduled to be delivered to

Israel this year. The last 15

aircraft will be funded by an

additional \$75 million special

drawdown authority not yet

The transfer of these F-16

aircraft supports the Middle

East peace process by shoring

up Israel's security, thereby

reducing the risks inherent in

achieving a lasting peace. The Department of Defence

and the U.S. Air Force looks

forward to continuing its

close relationship with the

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defector's reliability. Kang Hui-Won was the second high-ranking North Korean official to die since the July 8 death of the Stalin-

he was politically secure de-

Myong-Do, revealed on

was Premier Kang's son-in-

law, told a news conference

in Seoul that his country had

developed five nuclear war-

heads, contradicting North Korea's insistence it has no

Pyongyang said Kang

Myong-Do is unrelated to Prime Minister Kang Song-

San, and called him a crimin-

al who embezzled public

funds and then fled to the

South to avoid punishment.

The U.S. government, which is spearheading inter-

national efforts to discover

the truth about Pyongyang's

nuclear ambitions, has said it

s seeking more information

from South Korea on the

nuclear arms programme.

The defector, who said he

ist state's founder watch agency Radiopress said Official media reported on Premier Kang's involvement in this weekend's funeral rites for Kang Hui-Won indicated

Thursday the death of General Jo Myong-Son, a prominent military and party figure who last served as vicespite the defection of Kang minister at the key public security ministry.
While South Korea offi-

cials seem convinced of the defector's entity, officials have cast doubt on the reliability of his information, which he says he got through conversations with the intelligence chief responsible for Yongbyon, the country's main nuclear complex.

The U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency. which has been monitoring North Korea's nuclear prog-ramme, said Friday the claim to five warheads was doubt-

"Based on information currently available to (the IAEA), the statement made by the defector is not judged to be plausible," the agency said in a statement.

Also on Friday, South Korea moved to dismiss the assertion as "transitory intelligence.

"We reaffirm that the defector's testimony has not been supported by solid proof," said Kim Hyong-Ki, spokesman of South Korea's

Unification Ministry.
Vice-Prime Minister Lee Hong-Koo and other senior South Korean officials held consultations Friday and decided that the latest assertion won't affect Seoul's policy towards North Korea.

South Korean government prosecutors have ordered a nationwide police roundup of 120 student leaders suspected of sympathising with North Korea.

The dragnet was a part of an ongoing crackdown since the July 8 death of Kim II Sung on students and other activists suspected of being pro-North Korea.

South Korea's strict national security law pro-hibits sympathy with North Korean ideology, but dissidents have demanded that the government send condo-lences to the rival North. The government has re-

fused, and has threatened to severely punish any who do.

Students have hung banners and passed out pamphlets eulogising the late Kim as a great leader who led Korea out of Japanese colonialism. Some of the wanted students are suspected of baving held ancestral worship

rites to pay their respects to Most South Koreans blame Kim for having started the 1950-53 Korean war, and many have questioned the students' demands for condo-

Conservatives have accused the student groups of being infiltrated by North

Korean spies. Hanyang University in Seoul kicked out a student organisation accused of being pro-North Korea from its campus earlier this week. North Korea, meanwhile, slammed South Korea for its

crackdown. 'The anti-North confrontation campaign is a de-sperate effort — of those who are driven to a tight corner." KCNA said Friday, quoting an editorial in the ruling party's Rodong Shinmun.



No room at dinner table

for ex-president

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Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres — only to find that there was no seat for him. A furious Vassilion who left the reception without saying goodbye to the holiday island's distinguished guest, demanded a public apology Friday from President Glafcos Clerides, the man who defeated him in a presidential election last year. "What is really provocative is that I was invited to the official reception but not the dinner," Mr. Vassiliou told Reuters on the morning after. "I was talking to Mr. Peres and then walked towards the official dinner to find out that there was no seat reserved for me," he said. "When I turned around and told the (Cypriot) Foreign Minister (Alecos Michaelides) that I couldn't see my name anywhere, he said: "You can't see it because you are not invited'. Mr. Vassilious who described the snub as a blunt violation of the country's protocol said he would meet Mr. Peres Saturday in the coastal resort town of Paphos and would explain why he left without saying goodnight to him.
"What happened was really a disgrace. I demand a public apology from President Clerides," Mr. Vassiliou said. Mr. Peres arrived in Cyprus Thursday for a three-day official visit to strengthen ties between the Mediterranean neighbours.

Images of caravan trails released in ancient lost city

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) -Radar images captured in space of caravan trails near the lost city of Ubar on the Arabian peninsula have been released by scientists. The trails are buried under the sand in Oman said Mary Hardin, a spokeswoman for the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which collected the radar images from the U.S. space shuttle programme. The images taken during an April shuttle mission gives scientists better data and a higher resolution image than they have ever had before, Ms. Hardin said. The ancient city was discovered in 1992 with the aid of remote sensing data. Archaeologists believe Ubar existed from about 2800 B.C. to about 300 A.D. It was a remote desert outpost where caravans were assembled for the transport of frankincense across the desert. The image-collecting mission is part of an ongoing programme to get pictures from hundreds of sites around the Earth, Ms. Hardin said. "By imaging the Earth with radar, we are able to study how the Earth is changing," she said. Other images recorded during the mission include a crater on the Yucatan peninsula of Mexico caused by an asteroid. The asteroid purportedly hit 65 million years ago and wiped out the dinosaurs, scientists said. Another image was a volcano in Colombia that is normally under heavy cloud cover, making it hard to study. The radar equip-ment will be taken back into

space on Aug. 18 for a 10-day trip on the space shuttle. Indian woman sentenced to Israeli leaders say they have reasonable evidence showing death for bride burning

NEW DELHI (R) - An Indian woman has been sentenced to death for burning her daughter-in-law alive because of an insufficient dowry, newspapers reported Saturday. "The person who perpetrates a barbaric crime without any human consideration must be given the extreme penalty." the newspapers quoted Judge Dinesh Dayal as saving when he sentenced the woman. The woman, named as Chandravati. was accused of killing her 20-year-old daughter-inlaw by pouring kerosene over her and setting her alight in Delhi six years ago. Ms. Chandravati claimed the daughter-in-law died in an accident in the kitchen, where, as in many Indian homes, cooking was done on kerosene stoves. Scores of such deaths are reported each year in India, where demanding dowries is officially illeg-al but widely practised.



HONOUR GUARD: Honorary guards on Saturday march past the coffins of those killed in a bomb

attack in Madrid on Friday. The victims included a general (AFP photo).

Unemployment put at 18% in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Department of Statistics Saturday said the total workforce in the Kingdom stood at 859,300 and the rate of unemployment was running at 18.8 per cent of the workforce.

According to a department statement, nearly 763,000 people are employed, of whom 434,806 are working in social and public administration ser-

vices. The second largest employer is the trade and restaurants and hotel sec tor which employs 129,754 people, followed by the mining sector with 91,086 people, the statement said.

It said the total number of job seekers as registered with the Civil Service Commission (CSC), which normally recruits candidates for working in government offices, now stands at 96,765.

In November, the government endorsed a development plan for 1993-1997 period entailing an ambitious programme to curb unemployment and reduce its rate to 9.6 per cent by the end of 1997.

The Ministry of Planning said then that the plan provides for invest-

ments in the economic and social and infrastructure sectors that would create 224,000 additional

According to the department statistics' statement Saturday, non-Jordanian workers with valid work permits now living and working in the Kingdom are 53,021, of whom 37,960 are Egyp-

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Nations family planning

Israeli airman Ron Arad was

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Lebanese on alert against attack

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Jordan reiterates stand

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future of Jerusalem in the light of the Washington Declaration. "Out of concern for good relations with Jordan, the Palestine National Authority decided in its meeting today to send a delegation to Amman soon," PNA Secretary-

General Al Tayyeb Abdul

Rahim was quoted as saying

in a Reuter dispatch from Gaza. The delegation will "pave the way for a high-level meeting between the Jordanian and Palestinian leadership," said Mr. Abdul Rahim, the former Palestinian ambassador to Jordan and expected

to be in the delegation. He said the delegation would discuss with the lordanian government the latest developments and set future coordination in all fields between the two

PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, who is also head of the PNA, meanwhile sent a message to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher 'stressing the PLO's opposition" to the clause on Jerusalem in the Washington Declaration, Agence France Presse (AFP) reported.

The news agency, quoting Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rodeina, said the message said "any attack on the Palestinian rights threatens the whole peace process." Jerusalem "is an integral

part of the occupied territor-

ies, and its status must be discussed during negotiations on the final status" of the territories, the letter reportedly said. The letter, sent to Mr. Christopher through the American consulate in East Jerusalem, also praised

American efforts to establish

peace in the region. AFP

On Tuesday Mr. Arafat contacted several Arab leaders in a bid to gain backing for the Palestinian position

on Jerusalem.
In Jeddah, Hamid Al Ghabid, head of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC), told an OIC meeting: The definitive status of Jerusalem should be defined according to the terms of the Israeli-Palestinian accord." The OIC session also

agreed to a PLO request for a million loan for the Palestinians. PLO Representative at the

United Nations Nasser Al Kidwa meanwhile informed the U.N. of the organisation's opposition to the Israeli pledge, in a message conveyed Friday to Secretary General Boutros Ghali and Security Council acting President Jamsheed Marker from Pakistan, the PLO news agency, WAFA, reported.
"The PLO calls on Israel to

stand by its commitments on this issue as stated in the declaration of principles", the message said.
"Any legislation or action

that might hamper the activities of Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem would be a clear violation of the text and spirit of the declaration of principles, and would harm the peace process."

U.S. Congress clears way for debt relief

economic aid. It also provided \$850 mil-

republics, but, with strong pressure from House Appropriations Committee Chairman Dave Obey, rejected Senate attempts to 'earmark" or provide specific amounts for some coun-

make his committee vulnerable "for the kind of demagoevery day" from members demanding budget cuts while seeking money for their own

administration, Mr. Obey softened the language to read million for Georgia.

before going to the president.

BBC reporter kidnapped, slain in Kabul

KABUL (AP) — The bullet-riddled body of a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reporter was found Saturday on the southern edge of Kabul, a day after he was kidnapped by masked gunmen. Mir Weis Jaleel, 26. was kidnapped on his way back to the Afghan capital after interviewing the country's renegade prime minister, according to Ettore Mo, an Italian journalist travelling with him. Mr. Mo said four gunmen, their faces wrapped in scarves, dragged Jaleel out of his car and shoved him into their vehicle. "He said to me, 'mister Mo, they're arresting me'," Mr. Mo said. "But what could I do?" Jaleel, an Afghan national, was a reporter for the BBC's services in Pashto and Persian, the two main languages spoken in Afghanistan.

Egypt \$2.1 billion. It earmarks \$80 million for

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Mr. Obey said earmarks

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billion is more than \$600 million less than was budgeted for 1994. The compromise bill must still be approved on the Senate and House floors

The bill maintains military and economic aid amounts for the perennial big two -Israel again this year is budgeted \$3 billion and

Soviet Union and East - \$359 million for Eastern Europe resettling in Israel. Europe and the Baltic states. Among other items in the U.S. Peace Corps program-

International Development

World Bank which provides

soft loans for poorer nations.

clare that these charges are

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major attack Israel mounts in Lebanon. "Israel is insisting on hold-ing Iran and Hizbollah responsible for the Argentine explosion to justify a major aggression in Lebanon," he

"Let everyone throughout the world be informed we will fight unto death and will seek to kill every Israeli who enters Lebanese soil as an aggressor." Sheikh Tufeili

Beirut.

In the l'Orient-le Jour interview, the 46-year-old

Arad was still alive although they know nothing about his current whereabouts. "Iran and Syria have undertaken determined efforts to find this airman to no avail," Sheikh Tufeili

"If this man is not in the hands of the fundamentalists, the Iranians or the Syrians. where will he be and what's the reason for holding him all this time?" the cleric added. "It seems obvious to me that Ron Arad is probably dead. He might have died in an accident and this is why not even his body has Tufeili said that missing appeared," he said.

Save water....
every drop counts